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☞We occupy a very considerable portion of our space to-day with an article in relation to Mr. Walker's Treasury Report, and with one in relation to the Oregon negotiation. The importance of these subjects will excuse the length of the articles.

In regard to our relations with Great Britain on the Oregon question, the public mind in both countries appears to be in a very feverish state. Many think that war cannot be avoided, while others regard it as absurd to suppose that two great Christian nations will go to war for a boundary line in a wilderness country.

The late arrival from England brings intelligence that great anxiety was manifested in reference to Mr. Polk's Message, as it was supposed that peace or war would hang upon its declarations and recommendations. The London Morning Chronicle says that the Oregon question has lately occupied much of the attention of the Cabinet. All accounts from that country bear testimony to the wonderful activity in the Dock Yards and Arsenals, and all agree in attributing it to apprehensions of War with this country. A London letter in the New York Courier says:

LONDON, Nov. 17th, 1845.

Never since the time of Napoleon have such immense—such extraordinary military and naval preparations been making in this country as at the present time, and for many months past. Fully six months ago was my attention first attracted to this subject. The activity prevailing at Deptford, Woolwich, (particularly for guns and steamers at this vast establishment,) Sheerness, Chatham, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Pembroke, is really wonderful. Not only in the Government dock yards are ships and steamers being prepared with the utmost expedition, but also in private ship building yards are iron war steamers being constructed, not only on the Thames, but also at Liverpool and Glasgow. From my inquiries I have every reason to believe these extraordinary warlike preparations are made in reference to our country. The people and government are excessively jealous at the high tone and successful termination of the Texas annexation, and are exceedingly angry at our President's remarks in reference to Oregon in his inugural 4th of March address. Nothing ever roused and united all classes of people in this country so much as what was then said by our Chief Magistrate, and if he indulges in the same strain at the opening of Congress on the 1st December next, I fear immediate war will be the result; and the war steamers now preparing with such energy and promptitude will make a *dash* upon Portland, Portsmouth, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Charleston, &c., simultaneously, without giving us time to prepare and resist this sudden incursion. I hope most sincerely you will not be taken unawares. But I trust both Governments will act in such a way as to preserve the blessings of peace, for nothing can be so utterly absurd, insane, and in all points of view so inexpedient as war between our two countries.

Yours, &c.

The National Intelligencer is still inclined to think that the negotiation will be transferred to England. The "Union" says it will not be. Another report is circulating at the East, that the British Government is dissatisfied with Mr. Pakenham's rejection of the offer of Mr. Polk, to accept the 9th degree, and will recal, or has recalled, that gentleman, and will send another of a more amicable spirit, and with fresh instructions. This is very doubtful, and is denied. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Patriot remarks:

"All admit that Mr. Polk "missed a figure" in offering the 49th parallel, as a compromise, to Mr. Pakenham, after he had solemnly declared to the American People our title to the whole of Oregon to be "clear and unquestionable!" And Mr. Pakenham also "missed a figure" in peremptorily rejecting the offer, instead of asking time to write home and consult his Government. If he had chosen the latter course—no matter how positive his instructions were to reject the 49th parallel, if offered—he would have had Mr. Polk "on the hip" at this time! Congress would not have sanctioned the offer! and if it had been accepted even, the Senate would never have ratified it, by a two-thirds vote! Mr. Polk would have been more condemned in such a state of things, than he is now for having *offered* the 49th parallel at all!"

Many of the most able and shrewdest letter-writers from Washington consider war inevitable, judging from what they have learned of the opinions of Members of Congress since the receipt of Mr. Polk's Message. We copy one of them to show our readers the grounds on which they found thir opinion:

Correspondence of the N. Y. Com. Advertiser.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1845.

The views which are entertained here of the President's Message, so far as it relates to Oregon, may be of interest to you. The opinion is, first that the Message is of a character that will shake the country to its centre and affect injuriously all its commercial and financial operations, whatever may be the action of Congress upon the propositions which it urges. The statement made of the condition of the negotiation has surprised the men of both parties, and is received by some with grief, and by others with indignation. All were surprised that the propositions of the British Minister were so much more exacting than we had been led to suppose; and I may add that equal surprise is expressed that the British Government did not entertain the compromise which, it appears, Mr. Polk offered.

The statement of Mr. Polk and the publication of the documents, including the correspondence between the American provisional Government in Oregon and the British authorities there, will have the most decided effect upon the action of Congress. They tend to the destruction of all conservatism and all prudence in its counsels. The war passion which is pent up in the human breast will be let loose, in all its fury throughout the country, and come upon Congress with irresistable force.

The consequence will be the speedy passage of the Oregon bill of last session, terminating the joint occupancy, extending our jurisdiction over the country; and establishing military posts, through both houses of Congress.

Great Britain may wait till the year is over.—Suppose she does. We must then fight or back out. For, mind you, arbitration is out of the question, as long as Mr. Polk is President.

But will Great Britain wait. It is apprehended not. I proceed to state the opinions of others who have deeply, anxiously and long considered this question, and who will oppose, in Congress, the measures recommended by the President.

They say that in 1840 Great Britain saw that the time had come when the Northeastern boundary *must* be settled. She proposed negotiations and sent a minister to the United States to prosecute them. Before this step was taken, she concentrated in Canada and in the West Indies one third of her military force; and prepared also a large and efficient naval force for immediate operation against us, in case the negotiation should terminate in a manner prejudicial to her interests or her honor.

In the present state of affairs, the same policy on the part of England is seen. The same military preparations are on foot. A fleet has been sent to the mouth of the Oregon. A class of small steam vessels, fitted for running up our rivers, has been got in readiness. The British ultimatum is offered and rejected. We are desired to offer another proposition in lieu to the one rejected by Great Britain. We not only refuse to do that, but withdraw the original offer, and go for the "whole of Oregen." In this state of things we give notice of the termination of the joint occupancy, and distinctly threaten to take the whole of Oregon at the expiration of the year's notice.

Will Great Britain wait for the expiration of that year? It is answered, no. Her history shows that she treats a menace of war, as a declaration of war, and she, at once, seizes her armor, and plunges into the conflict.

It is greatly apprehended, therefore, that we shall find ourselves in the midst of a flagrant war before the close of the present session.

The effect of war upon the interests of the various portions of this country is also worthy of consideration, at this juncture, however painful it may be to the patriot to imagine that any one portion of the country will bring a war upon the rest for its own advantage, or that any portion will hang back from a contest which may be demanded by a just sense of national honor or rights.

It cannot be concealed, however, that a war will be hailed with delight and satisfaction by the West, and especially the North West. It will be to them a glorious excitement—an ample and profitable employment to those who have no employment but agriculture—an alternative to the stagnation of mind, that results from idleness—and above all, will it not be the means of developing the great national resources and energies of the West!

To the manufacturing portion of the country; to a portion of Pennsylvania and other middle States; to some interests in the Eastern States, war will come with horror to all with distress to many, but with some compensation in the amount of manufacturing energy which it will awaken and employ. But to the commercial and navigating interest it will be a besom of destruction. To the whole coast of the United States it brings conflagration and plunder. But with how much more terrible effect will a war fall upon the Southern portion of this Union. It will be attended with no compensating advantages to the South. It will come upon them with all the horrors of an apprehended or actual servile insurrection and total destruction of all their resources.

MUNIFICENT DONATION, FOR THE RELIEF OF PITTSBURGH, BY THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE UNITED STATES FRIGATE CONSTITUTION.—The American of yesterday contained the following correspondence, relating the affecting and interesting fact that the officers and men of one of the far-famed ships of our gallant Navy had liberally contributed to the relief of our lately devastated city—and what adds greatly to the value of the donation, is the reflection that these gallant tars have thought of us with so much kindness while separated from us by one-half the world's broad surface. The hearts of these brave men are in the right place. They beat for their country—and if war should again break out, old "Ironsides," with such men to man her, will gather fresh laurels to crown her garlanded brow

BOSTON, Nov. 27th, 1845.

Dear Sir:—It affords me great pleasure to be the medium of remitting you the sum of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars, by a cash draft on Philadelphia, to be appropriated to the relief of the sufferers by the great fire in Pittsburgh, to be distributed in such a manner as will afford the most extensive and effectual relief to those sufferers, in the judgment of those, who have been intrusted with the management of this charity. It is the voluntary contribution of the officers and crew of the Frigate Constitution, forwarded to me by the Commander, Captain John Percival, from China. I annex extracts of his letters, together with a list of the donors.

It is gratifying to find the crew of a favorite American ship, carrying with them a deep and pervading sympathy with those whom they have left at home, which distance cannot repress, and ready to awaken at the cry of distress from their beloved country, not only to feelings of compassion, but to substantial acts of benevolence.

I hope this donation will not be the less acceptable or useful, because it arrives so late at its destination; it can hardly be regarded as a tardy act on the part of the contributors, when it is considered as a response to a call, which reached them on the other side of the globe.

I remain sir, with the highest respect, your obedient servant, LEMUEL SHAW.

To His Honor, the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh.

Extracts from the letter of Capt. John Percival, dated U. S. Frigate Constitution, Canton River, Aug. 13, 1845.

"Upon hearing of the late disastrous fire at Pittsburgh, Penn., the particulars of which I need not go over, I stated to the crew of the ship, under my command, the circumstances, and that I had no doubt any sum that might be raised by them, would be thankfully received by those who stood in need of assistance and had suffered by that catastrophe. I am proud to say, that the crew to a man, came forward and subscribed such sums as their circumstances would admit. The amount thus obtained was $1729, with which I purchased a draft on Boston for $1950, being the net proceeds of the subscription raised on board the Frigate Constitution, for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire at Pittsburgh."

"I beg you will collect the amount and pay it to the proper person in Pittsburgh authorized to receive money, for the purpose above mentioned."

We are sorry we have not room for the list of names, which appear in full in the American, with the amount subscribed by each. They number 382.

Correspondence of the Baltimore American.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

The vote in the Senate to-day shows that the caucus candidates have been defeated there in the choice of officers. Mr. Sturgiss of Ga. and Dr. Salisbury of Pa. were both caucus candidates, Messrs. Benton, Bagby and Haywood declined to vote for them, and Mr. McDuffie was not willing to commit himself, and therefore remained at home. The caucus candidates were defeated by a bare majority of one. Absent, Messrs. Webster, Moorehead and Calhoun.

The vote to-day may be regarded as a triumph of the Whigs and the Conservative Democrats, as also may the two votes yesterday in the House of Representatives refusing to print 20,000 extra copies of Mr. Walker's Treasury Report, and refusing also to take unusual means to deprive M. Cabell, the Whig member from Florida of his seat.

☞ The Washington Union says the New Constitution of Texas has been adopted by the people of that State, by a majority in proportion of 20 to 1.

THE OREGON QUESTION.

The following is a synopsis of the documents accompanying the President's Message, in relation to the Oregon Question. The whole correspondence is too voluminous for insertion entire. An excellent knowledge of it, however, can be obtained from this synopsis. We copy from the New York Tribune, and the "Constitution," now published in Baltimore:

The first is a letter from Mr. Fox, the British Minister, to Mr. WEBSTER, United States Secretary of State, dated Washington, November 15, 1842, covering a copy of part of a letter from Lord Aberdeen to Mr. Fox requesting that the United States Minister at London might be furnished with instructions to treat with such person as might be appointed by England, on the North-Western Boundary. Assuring Mr. Webster that England was ready to enter into a fair and equitable compromise of the difficulty.

Mr. Webster replies to Mr. Fox, November 25, 1842, informing him that such instructions would be given to the United States Minister at London.

Mr. Packenham writes to Mr. Upshur, United States Secretary of State, dated Washington, February 24, 1844, intimating the anxious desire of the British Government to come to a speedy settlement, and proposing a conference.

Mr. Upshur to Mr. Packenham, February 26, 1844, names 11 o'clock A. M, next day for said conference.

Mr. Packenham writes to Mr. Calhoun, July 22, 1844, announcing that the death of Mr. Upshur (on Feb. 28th) &c. had prevented prompt attention to the Oregon Boundary and that now as Congress had adjourned it would be a proper time to proceed with it.

Mr. Calhoun to Mr. Packenham, August 22, 1844, appointing 1 o'clock P. M. next day for conference, concurring with the English sentiment in desiring a speedy settlement of the question.

Mr. P. to Mr. C. August 22, '44 agreeing to the hour.

The conference was accordingly held on the 23d of August, 1844, and the Plenipotentiaries proceeded to examine the state of the question. Mr. Calhoun desired a proposal from Mr. Packenham, who said he would be able to make a definite one at the next conference and desired Mr. C. to be also ready with his proposal. Adjourned to the 26th August, when it again assembled. Mr. Packenham made a proposal to Mr. Calhoun, which Mr. Calhoun declined. They then agreed that a more full understanding of their respective views, was necessary to facilitate future proceedings. It was agreed that written statements of the views of both parties should be given before proceeding farther. It was also agreed that the American Plenipotentiary should make his statement at the next conference and, when ready, give the necessary notice.

Attached to this Protocol is the offer of Mr. Packenham to take the 40th parallel of latitude to the Columbia River and the River to the sea; and also to make free to the United States any port or ports which they might desire on the main land or on Vancouver's Island south of 49°.

September 23, 1844, the third conference was held at the office of the United States Secretary of State. The American negotiator gave his views of the claims of the United States to the portion of the Territory drained by the Columbia as his grounds for declining the British Minister's proposal.

Sept. 12, 1844, the fourth conference was held at the same place, and the British Minister gave his views.

Sept. 20th, fifth conference, Mr. Calhoun delivered a rejoinder.

Sept. 24th, sixth conference.

The British Minister stated he had read with due attention the rejoinder of the United States Plenipotentiary; that he did not feel authorized to enter into any discussion relative to the Territory North of latitude 49° which was understood by the British Government to form the basis of negotiation on the part of the United States as the line of the Columbia formed that of England. That his former proposal was offered by Great Britain as an honorable compromise and that it was made with the proviso that in no case in any further negotiations should it compromise or weaken the claims of Great Britain unless accepted by the United States.

September 3d, 1844.—Mr. Calhoun to Mr. Packenham—declines Mr. Packenham's proposal, as it would limit our possessions to narrower bounds than what we had a clear right to. Mr. Calhoun then enters into an able argument on our claims to the territory drained by the Columbia, arising from our proper right, and those derived from France and Spain. The former he grounds as against Great Britain, on priority of discovery, exploration and settlement. The prior discovery is claimed for Captain Gray, a citizen of the United States, May 11, 1792, who gave the river its name. This discovery is opposed by those of Meares and Vancouver. The former sailed along the coast through which the Columbia flows, in 1788, in order to ascertain whether the river laid down in Spanish charts as "St. Roc" really existed, and he declares "we can now safely assert that there is no such river." Vancouver, in April, 1792, explored the same coast. His own journal proves that he failed to discover the river. He even disbelieved Captain Gray's discovery. Gray gave a copy of his chart to Madia at Nootka Sound, and on Vancouver's arrival Madia gave him a copy. Vancouver, guided by the chart, entered the Columbia Oct. 20, 1792. The attempt to prove that Captain Gray sailed in a private, not a United States vessel, shows the strength of our claims.

Mr. Calhoun then proceeds to consider the discoveries of the Columbia's branches by Lewis and Clark, long before any British subject visited these parts, and asserts our clear right by the discovery of the mouth and head waters of the Columbia river.

He next describes the question of settlement by our citizens in 1809, 1810, and 1811. The taking possession by the British during the war, and restoration after peace.

He then proceeds. "We have added to our claims those of France and Spain by the Treaty of Louisania and the Territory of Florida. The cession of Louisiana gave us undisputed title to the summit of the Rocky Mountains and by *Continuity* to the Pacific founded on the Treaty of 1763.

He then dwells on the argument of *Continuity*, instancing the contest between Great Britain and France which was terminated by the Treaty of 1763. The fact that Great Britain claimed this continuity for her colonies (now the United States) forecloses her contesting this principle against us.

He then examines the treaty of 1763, which fixes the Mississippi as the boundary between Great Britain and France, extinguishing the claims of Great Britain West of that boundary. The right of continuity was transferred to us by France in the Treaty of Louisiana. France held this right by the extinguishment of Great Britain's claim by Treaty of 1763.

He then proceeds to defend our claims on the discoveries of Spain which we have acquired. In place of conflicting with each other they naturally blend together forming a strong chain of title against all opposing claims."

He then takes up the restoration of Astoria, and quotes the admission of Lord Castlereagh to Mr. Rush, admitting our ample right to be reinstated, and our right to possession while treating of title. Our claims have since been strengthened, by increase of our population by emigration. He concludes by stating that the same cause which peopled the valley of the Mississippi will yet cause emigration across the Rocky Mountains, and that the whole region drained by the Columbia is destined to be peopled by us. Mr. Calhoun closes his able paper by stating that he refrains "from presenting the claims which the United States may have to other portions of the territory" than those drained by the Columbia River, and by renewing assurances of high consideration, &c. &c.

Sept. 12, 1844, Mr. Packenham writes to Mr. Calhoun in reply to the above. That he has no evidence that Louisiana extended West to the Pacific, but that the Rocky Mountains was the Western boundary, for which opinion he quotes Mr. Jefferson. Even if the boundary did extend Westward of the Rocky Mountains, that France transferred to Spain in 1762, and Spain to England, by treaty between Great Britain and Spain in 1796, which abrogated the claims of Spain.

He denies that the claims of continuity can effect the claim of right. He acknowledges that Spain, in 1819, transferred her rights North of 42°, but that did not invalidate her former concessions in 1790.

In regard to the discoveries of Heceta and Gray they conflict, and if Heceta's claim be good it favors Great Britain owing to the treaty of 1790.

The United States had no claims when they became a nation. Those of France were worth nothing. He urges the commercial intercourse of Great Britain with the North-west coast, the voyages of Cook and Mears, the survey of the coast by Vancouver, which makes Great Britain's claims to discovery and exploration very strong. He sets the accuracy and authenticity of Cook and Vancouver's survey against the discovery of the mouth of the Columbia by Capt. Gray. Of the exploration of Lewis and Clarke he says that McKenzie, a British subject, crossed the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific in 1793, and discovered the upper waters of Frazer's River, near lat. 49°, and puts this against Lewis and Clarke's.

He meets the authority of Lord Castlereagh by the despatch of Lord Castlereagh himself to the British Minister at Washington, when giving up Astoria, claiming the whole territory.

Great Britain and the United States are in joint occupancy; one cannot divest the other but by an equitable division of what is jointly occupied.

In claiming the Columbia as the boundary, Great Britain is not influenced by ambition of possessing large territory, but by considerations of utility if not of necessity, which cannot be lost sight of.

Mr. P. concludes by requesting a proposal from the United States and statement of farther claims alluded to by Mr. Calhoun.

Sept. 20, 1844, Mr. Calhoun rejoins to this, rebutting the British claims on the discoveries of Cook, Mears and others, on the Nootka Sound Convention, and on McKenzie's explorations. The Frazer's River is an inferior stream and cannot effect the discovery of the Columbia.

The United States had the first settlement, had that right restored, were acknowledged to be in possession while treating of title, &c. Mr. C. also replies to the argument drawn from Jefferson, and reinforces the argument of continuity, and states that the United States must be considered as in possession of the whole of the territory drained by the Columbia while treating of title, in which character he insists on being considered, and not in the character of a joint occupancy merely. He can make no proposal based on the supposition of a joint occupancy. There must be a full discussion of the title before proposals can be made. With the opinion that the United States have a clear title, the British proposal in the second conference falls far short of what they can accept.

As to our claims to other parts of the Territory than those drained by the Columbia, they extend as far as the Treaty of Florida with Spain can warrant.

Jan. 15, 1845, Mr. Packenham to Mr. Calhoun, states that he has sent the discussions already had to his government, but that, in the mean time, he is authorized to offer arbitration, leaving the choice of arbiters for after consideration.

Jan. 21, 1845, Mr. Calhoun says he has laid the offer of Mr. P. before the President, and he cannot accede to the proposal. He hopes the question may be all settled by negotiation. Arbitration might rather retard than expedite the settlement.

Mr. Buchanan having been appointed Secretary of State, resumes the negotiation, and seems to overlook the later proceedings, and replies to Mr. P's. letter of Sept. 12, 1844. We copy a synopsis of this discussion from the "Constitution."

Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Pakenham.

WASHINGTON, July 12, 1845.—The Secretary of State resumes the negotiation, and proceeds in reply to Mr. Pakenham's note of September 12, to answer his request for a proposition from the United States Government; and also for a statement of title. He commences with the title first, and rests it upon the cession from Spain, contending "that at the date of this cession Spain had a good title as against Great Britain to the whole Oregon territory, and if this be established, the question is then established in favor of the United States."

He proceeds first to ascertain the meaning of the Nootka Sound convention, and maintains that it conferred no rights upon Great Britain but to trade with the Indians, was transient in its nature, and did not interfere with the sovereignty of Spain over the territory, and above all, that it was annulled by the war between Great Britain and Spain in 1796, and has never since been renewed, and consequently, that the claim of Great Britain to any portion of the territory is destitute of foundation. Mr. Buchanan proceeds to enforce these positions with great ability and at great length.

He then says, that the President, entertaining these views of our title, would not have consented to yield any portion of the Oregon Territory, had he not been embarassed, if not committed, by the action of his predecessors in office, and with a view to manifest to the world that he is actuated by a spirit of moderation, he offers the 49th parallel to the ocean, without any port on Vancouver's island south of that parallel.

Mr. Pakenham to Mr. Buchanan.

WASHINGTON, July 29, 1845.—In this communication, which is of considerable length, Mr. Pakenham combats most strenuously the positions of Mr. Buchanan, particularly that claiming the American title to the Valley of the Columbia to be older than the treaty of 1819, inasmuch as in another part Mr. B. had said that the title of Spain so far north as the 61st degree, had never seriously been questioned by any European nation; and if this were the case, the Americans could not acquire any title to that to which the Spanish title was perfect; while if the Spanish title were not perfect, and the American title by discovery is good against that title, then he claims that there were earlier British discoveries. He states the various discoveries, &c., the amount of which appears to be that British navigators and travelers discovered Vancouver's island and Frazer's river, and American, Columbia river; he maintains, however, the British claim to the whole, and declines the offer made by Mr. Buchanan, (somewhat contemptuously by the way.

Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Pakenham.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, 1845.—Mr. B. proceeds to reply, at great length, to Mr. Pakenham's statement, and quotes the declaration of Messrs. Huskisson and Addington, on the 16th December, 1826, that "Great Britain claims no exclusive sovereignty over any portion of that territory." Mr. B. makes a long and elaborate argument in reply to Mr. P., restates most forcibly the American title, and enforces it to the whole of Oregon, and concludes by withdrawing the proposition he had made, giving Mr. P., however, one or two severe raps in relation to his despatch, and the fact that he had rejected the offer without submitting it to his Government.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

The Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Tariff.

Having given place, in the President's Message, to a very thoroughly Locofoco review of the great leading questions at issue before the American People, we should not hesitate to give equal prominence to the Speech of the junior counsel on the same side—Mr. Secretary Walker, to wit—which is mainly devoted to the Tariff question, had he seen fit to confine himself within reasonable limits, or to deal in any thing else than unsparing and second-hand assertions. He has chosen, however, a line of argument which precludes all hope of profit to any side from exhibition and scrutiny. What advantage, for instance, can accrue to the reader from knowing that Mr. Walker positively asserts, while we as absolutely deny, the truth of the following?

"At least two-thirds of the taxes imposed by the present Tariff are paid, not into the treasury, but to the protected classes. The revenue from imports last year exceeded twenty-seven millions of dollars. This, in itself, is a heavy tax; but the whole tax imposed upon the people by the present Tariff is not less than eighty-one millions of dollars—of which twenty-seven millions are paid to the government upon the imports, and fifty-four millions to the protected classes, in enhanced prices of similar domestic articles.

"This estimate is based upon the position that the duty is added to the price of the import, and also of its domestic rival. If the import is enhanced in price by the duty, so must be the domestic rival: for, being like articles, their price must be the same in the same market. The merchant advances in cash the duty on the import, and adds the duty, with a profit upon it, and other charges, to the price—which must therefore be enhanced to that extent," &c. &c.

Surely, the power and utility of assertion on this point have long since departed. Mr. Walker knows perfectly well that the friends of the Protective policy strenuously deny that such is the effect of duties that are truly Protective; and, not content with mere denial, they produce myriads of facts to *prove* the soundness of their position. If, therefore, he desired to overthrow their position, it was incumbent on him to refute their theory by disproving their facts. Having asserted that the present duties on Salt, on Cotton fabrics, on Cotton Bagging, on Foreign Liquors, &c. range from 60 to 260 per cent. against 20 per cent. in 1842, he had nothing to do but just give a table of the prices of these articles in June, 1842, and in June, 1845, respectively, showing that the home-made as well as the imported had in each case advanced proportionably to the duty, and he would have put us Protectionists on the defensive. Then he could have taken Axes, Augers, Anvils, Brass-Kettles, Pins, Wire, Screws, Glass-ware, &c. on which the duties were in like manner rendered Protective in 1842, and compared *their* prices in that year with the prices they now bear, and (if they had not happened to come out wrong) made another hit. Books, Hats, Shoes, Gloves, &c. would have furnished the material for another demonstration. All this need not have taken half a column of *The Union*, and would have been worth to his cause far more than three columns of his most sweeping assertions. The simple fact is that *the facts exactly and emphatically contradict his assertions*. Prices rise and fall, and men sell their wares and fabrics for the most they will fetch; some articles are higher than in 1842 and some are lower; but in every case they are governed by laws of which the Secretary appears to be ignorant, and utterly refuse to give any countenance to his assumptions. Salt, for example, has been higher and lower since the new Tariff passed than it was before; but the man who says the manufacturers at Salina, Kanawha or any where else, were enabled to raise their price 8 cents on every 56 lbs upon the passage of the Tariff, or at any time thereafter, insults the intelligence of the community. There is not a boiler around Onondaga Lake, a wood cutter on the Kanawha, who has not a better practical knowledge of the laws governing prices than this self-complacent Secretary of the Treasury.

But Mr. Walker is not contented with falsifying the past. He assumes the office of a Prophet, also, and blends such indicative and subjunctive mis-statements as these:

"Let us, with revenue duties only, open our ports to all the world, and nation after nation will soon follow our example. *If we reduce our Tariff, the party opposed to the Corn Laws of England would soon prevail, and admit all our agricultural products at all times freely into her ports*, in exchange for her exports. And if England would now repeal her duties upon our Wheat, Flour, Indian Corn, and other agricultural products, our own restrictive system would certainly be doomed to overthrow. If the question is asked, Who shall begin this work of reciprocal reduction? it is answered by the fact that England has already abated her duties upon most of our exports. She has repealed the duty upon Cotton, and greatly reduced the Tariff upon our bread-stuffs, provisions and other articles; and her present bad harvest, accompanied by a reduction of our Tariff, would lead to *the repeal of her Corn Laws and the unrestricted admission, at all times, of our agricultural products*."

Who gives the Secretary a right thus to pledge England to a radical and vital change of her policy for all time to come? Does History? Surely not. Our Grain was excluded by her, involving almost our whole country in bankruptcy from inability to pay her, at the very time that we were ruining our infant Manufactures by the easy admission of her goods. She never thought, and obviously never would have thought of relaxing her restrictions so long as all nations were her liberal customers. It is by the countervailing restrictions of other countries—the uprearing of Manufactures in Germany, in the United States and elsewhere, that she has been driven into some abatement of her own regulations. Even her recent reduction, to which Mr. W. triumphantly points, was steadfastly resisted during our ten years of declining duties and large importations until we had notoriously resolved to try the other tack by returning to a Protective Tariff. Then she gave way a little; but let all the world buy liberally of her, keep her factories running and her merchants prosperously busy, and she would never abate a farthing except (as in the case of Cotton) to promote her own Industrial interests.—Her duty on Cotton favored our rising Manufactures at the expense of her own, without promoting any Home interest; so she wisely abolished it. She will abolish her Corn Laws when she perceives a similar inducement, and not before. Whether she *ought* now to do so, is a question we do not discuss. If her soil will not advantageously produce the bread stuffs she needs, we should think a change desirable. But let her do her own legislation, while we attend to ours. And since our Country (not yet owned by a few Landholders as Britain is) is amply adequate to the production of *all* the Food and Clothing required by its inhabitants, we believe it is the wisest, cheapest, safest policy to favor and encourage such Home Production, buying of other nations only or mainly such articles as cannot be produced here with as little labor as elsewhere.

We do not know that we edify or profit our readers by multiplying our quotations from Mr. Walker's wholesale assertions, but as many may not see the Report otherwise, we give another:

"Agriculture is our chief employment; it is best adapted to our situation, and, if not depressed by the Tariff, would be the most profitable. We can raise a large surplus of agricultural products, and a greater variety, than almost any other nation, and at cheaper rates. Remove, then, from agriculture all our restrictions, and, by its own unfettered power, it will break down all foreign restriction, and our own being removed would feed the hungry and clothe the poor of our fellow men throughout all the densely peopled nations of the world. But now we will take nothing in exchange for these products but specie, except as very high duties; and nothing but a famine breaks down all foreign restrictions, and opens for a time the ports of Europe to our bread stuffs. If on a reduction of our duties, England repeals her corn laws, nearly all Europe must follow her example, or give to her manufacturers advantages which cannot be successfully encountered in most of the markets of the world. The Tariff did not raise the price of our bread stuffs; but a bad harvest in England does—giving us for the time that foreign market which we should soon have at all times, by that repeal of the corn laws which must follow the reduction of our duties."

To render these assertions cogent or valuable, the Secretary should have shown that Agriculture *was* thus profitable when we had little or no Tariff, and bought nearly all our fabrics abroad—say from 1785 to 1790, or from 1815 to 1826. If the "unfettered power" of our Agriculture "will break down all foreign restriction," why *has it not done so* in former times! The Secretary puts his assertion in opposition to notorious and long existing facts; and does not offer us the shadow of a reason for believing that like causes with those existing in the past will produce exactly opposite effects in the future. He tells us that "nearly all Europe" must open its ports to our grain if England does, but does not tell us that a large part of Europe produces grain as cheaply as we do, and would compete with us at immense odds against us, for those limited markets which a Repeal of all Corn Laws would open, instead of looking to us for supplies. Half the nations of Europe are more likely to sell us food than buy it of us, and it is in fact but eight years since we bought grain of Europe in large quantities. The assumption that we could sell grain to Europe at such prices as the present in ordinary years if the Corn Laws were repealed, is contradicted by a simple exhibition of the prices there ruling. Wheat is produced in Poland and Southern Russia at about 50 cents a bushel, and is there immensely nearer England then our Wheat exporting region. The difference is not one of cost merely; a supply may be poured into England from Dantzic before our grain could be fairly on its way thither. The advantage of this relative proximity all business men understand. Besides Great Britain, no European nation is likely to require considerable supplies of Grain from us, except in years of famine; and as to Great Britain, the abolition of her Corn Laws must have one of two results: Either it would largely diminish her production of grain, which it could only do by a great reduction of price there, (neutralizing to us the abrogation of duty,) or it would *not* diminish the British product, in which case the demand for our Grain would be increased. In either case the advantage to us of a repeal of the Corn Laws has been greatly over-rated. We never can steadily send grain 4,000 miles to sell in competition with that grown on the spot, and obtain a good price, because the cost of transportation is nearly or quite equivalent to that of production, and must leave a very small recompense indeed for the American producer. Years of famine are plain exceptions, by which the soundness of the general rule is not shaken, but established.

Mr. Walker's incessant assumption that under our present Tariff "we will take nothing in exchange for our products but Specie, except at high rates," and that our Tariff is anti-commercial, are refuted by a simple comparison of our *aggregate imports* with those of low-Tariff years. The consumption of Foreign products in this Country in 1844 and '45 has surpassed that of '40 and '41 when the duties were quite low. We charge $5 duty on two hundred weight of Havana Sugar and are charged $10 duty on two hundred weight of Genesee Flour sent to Cuba to pay for it. Europe raises far more Revenue on our Tobacco than we collect from all the articles we purchase. Our duties collected during the last fiscal year ave raged less than thirty per cent. without reckoning a long list of absolutely free articles, among which are Tea, Coffee, West India Fruits, Drugs, Dyes, Copper, Brass &c. &c. What injustice, then, to talk of our Tariff as blindly and generally prohibitory!

Mr. Walker's summary of principles on which the Tariff should be re-cast as as follows;

1st. That no more money should be collected than is necessary for the wants of the Government, economically administered.

2d. That no duty be imposed on any article above the lowest rate which will yield the largest amount of revenue.

3d. That, below such rate, discrimination may be made, descending in the scale of duties; or, for imperative reasons, the article may be placed in the list of those free from all duty.

4th. That the maximum revenue duty should be imposed on luxuries.

5th. That all minimums, and all specific duties, should be abolished, and ad valorum duties substituted in their place—care being taken to guard against fraudulent invoices and under-valuation, and to assess the duty upon the actual market value.

6th. That the duties should be so imposed as to operate as equally as possible throughout the Union, discriminating neither for nor against any class or section.

On these specifications we would remark:

1. There is no danger of this so long as the Texas speculators (of whom Walker is chief) have their arm in the Treasury.

2. This is at once unsound and loose. In perfect consistency with it, Great Britain might continue to tax our Tobacco 500 per cent. and our Grain 100 (on its first cost at the point of cheapest production) while we should be constrained to cut down our duties on her Wares and Fabrics to such a point as would enable her manufacturers to compete successfully with ours, though that should be fifteen, ten or even five per cent.

3. 4. are of no consequence, being provided for in the present Tariff.

5. The *ad valorum* is the very worst form of levying duties, giving always an advantage to the Foreign Manufacturer or his agent over the American Importer, as the maker of an article can always swear it cost him less than the price at which he sells it to another. The dishonest importer, or one who has an agent or clerk to swear 'to order,' it gives a like advantage over the honest conscientious dealer, native or foreign. It is thus that the Importing business of this country had mainly passed into the hands of Foreigners, and the signs in the Importing district of our City would indicate a Dutch or French emporium rather than an American. (Were English names as distinguishable, this fact would be still more apparent.) The *ad valorum* principle is wrong in another respect; it makes the duty highest on any article just when it should be lowest; as, for instance, our Grain or Potato crop is cut off, and we want to import; but then the duty is twice as high as when we ought *not* to import. The *ad valorum* is the very principle to encourage the wildest Custom House swearing, and is beneficial to no fair dealing. It must be resorted to in some cases, but should be avoided whenever it can be.

6. The Tariff should be so adjusted as to *benefit* every section, or it should be abolished altogether. Every position in Mr. Walker's Report tends to prove that no Tariff should exist, but that the Government should be supported by a Direct Tax on Property. Yet he and his confederates dare not follow their own doctrines to their unavoidable conclusion; they shrink from it, and stand up for a Tariff, and a discriminating Tariff. They thus nullify their own argument, by showing they have no faith in it. They will never get on at this rate. On the kindred topic of the Sub-Treasury, Mr. Walker (who has been deep enough in Credit, Speculation and Paper Money, is now a bankrupt, and in 1834 wrote in favor of a National Bank and the Restoration of the Deposites) plumply says:

"Nor will it be useful to establish a constitutional treasury, if it is to receive and disburse the paper of banks. *Separation from the banks in that case would only be nominal*, and no addition would be made to the circulation of gold and silver."

True enough. The Sub-Treasury is good for nothing without a thorough exaction of Hard Money for the Office-Holders. With *that* it will make itself felt, reducing many a fancied rich man to the pecuniary condition of the Secretary himself. With the Sub-Treasury (Hard) must come a contraction, a stagnation, a crash, and a necessity for a new Bankrupt Law. Let the prudent stand from under. But we shall offer no impediment to the success of this measure, since the People may be said to have sanctioned it by electing Polk. Only administer the Loco-Foco medicine fairly, and we will look quietly on and see how the patient thrives upon it. But this plan of commending a *Revenue* Tariff on grounds which prove (if any thing) the impolicy of *all* Tariffs whatever will not work. The leaders must stand up to the line plainly indicated by their own principles, if they would have the People follow them. Let us see them do it!

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON Dec. 9.

In the *Senate* Jesse E. Dow & Co offered to do the printing for 20 per cent less than the prices paid last session.

Mr. Cass offered a resolution that the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the condition of the Navy of the United States, and to report whether an increase thereof is expedient at this time.

Mr. Cass also offered a similar resolution relative to the Army of the United States.

The Senate then went into an election for Secretary, and Mr. Dickens was chosen. For Sergeant-at-Arms Mr. Beale was chosen. Upon the fourth ballot Mr. Holland was elected door keeper over Mr. Young and Dr. Salisbury.

A message was received from the President of the United States transmitting the Constitution adopted by Texas preparatory to her admission into the Union, which was read and laid on the table.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot for Chairmen of the Standing Committees with the following result:

Foreign Affairs: Allen 26, Archer 21.
Finance: Calhoun 27, Evans 20.
Commerce: Haywood 26, Davis 19.
Manufactures: Dickinson 26, Simmons 21
Agriculture: Sturgeon 26, Pearce 20.
Military Affairs: Benton 27, Crittenden 21.
Militia: Atchinson 25, Barrow 22.
Naval Affairs: Fairfield 26, Mangum 21.
Public Lands: Breese 26, Woodbridge 21.
Private Land Claims: Levy, 25, Johnson, La. 21.
Indian Affairs: Sevier 26, Phelps 20.
Claims: Bagby 26, J M Clayton 20.
Revolutionary Claims: Semple 25, Jarnigan 20.
Judiciary: Ashley 26, Berrien 21.

Ten chairmen of committees remaining to be alloted for when the usual hour of adjournment arrived, and it being evident that the Senate could not go through with them to-day, on motion of Mr. Mangum, the Senate adjourned.

In the *House*, the Resolution authorising the Committee on Elections to report as to the right of the members from

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Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

Whatever may be the feeling in Philadelphia, about a direct communication with this City by Railroad, and the right of way for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, this one thing is certain, Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, never will agree to allow the latter road to go below us if it can be avoided. Time and again have we put it to our Philadelphia friends to meet this, to us, unanswerable objection to refusing the right of way, viz—that if it goes below us, we have every reason to belive it will us, the Main Line, and a continuous Railroad, incalculable injury.—At Parkersburgh, or any point near it, that Road will divert a great portion of the travel and most of the freight to Baltimore. Not one of the journals in Philadelphia nor one of the speakers at the late meeting have ever so much as noticed this and endeavored to refute it.

We are ready to believe all the Philadelphians may say of their good feelings toward Pittsburgh, and endorse the declaration of Mr. Darsie, that there is no hostility to Philadelphia in this city.—We want their Railroad, and we hope it will be commenced as soon as a charter can be obtained, and the preliminary arrangements made. But with all good will to that city, we are not to be driven from our position, and until it is shown to be untenable, we must, in self-defence, insist upon the right of way for the Baltimore Road.

We do not ask to be assured of the good will of Philadelphia. We want some assurance either that that road will not be extended to the Ohio river, or, if it is, that it will not injure the trade of the Main Line, of Philadelphia, and of Pittsburgh. Convince us of these things, or at least make some show of arguments against them. Can we be satisfied with anything short of the assurance we ask? We marvel that even Philadelphians cannot see that with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tapping the Ohio river some 150 miles below, there is every reason to believe even a direct Railroad to this city from their own, with over so great advantage in grades, &c., would get very little to do, to say nothing of the Main Line. Do they wish to sacrifice that? Yet this will be the inevitable result of the extension of the Baltimore road to Parkersburgh. We insist that unless it terminates here, where the Canal can compete with it, the State will forever lose most of the revenue she draws from the Main Line. It is self-preservation for the whole State that we are aiming at.

We claim to have the good of the Commonwealth quite as much at heart as our eastern brethren, and it is more for the sake of the state that we deprecate the extension of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to any point below us, than the mere interest of Pittsburgh. With the Revenue from the Main Line lost, will come heavier taxes to pay the interest on our enormous debt. This is not a sectional matter. Every tax-payer in the state is interested, and they will *feel*, if they do not now *see*, that it is all important to have that Road terminate where the state works can compete for, and control the trade.

Now we ask, in all candor and good feeling, that our Philadelphia friends will take up the principal objection we have urged and show that it is not a sound one, that the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road may strike the Ohio below us, and yet do the Main Line, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and the whole state, no injury. Or show us that it will remain where it is and we shall then be better prepared to yield the point.

County Auditors.—The Harrisburgh papers contain a Circular from John N. Purviance, Esq. Auditor General of the State, to the County Auditors, notifying them of the provisions of the Act of April 16, 1845, which makes it their duty to examine the dockets, records, and offices of Prothonotaries, Registers and Recorders, from Sept. 1st, 1840, to the 31st Aug. 1845, inclusive, agreeably to the Acts of April 6th, 1840, March 10th, 1810, and if either of the offices should have during any year received for fees a sum exceeding in the aggregate $1500, to certify the amount.—The Circular also calls attention to the 19th section of the act of April 15, 1834, which provides that the County Auditors shall audit, settle and adjust *all* the accounts of the Treasurer of the County with the State Treasury, embracing state tax, tavern licenses, retailers' licenses, hawkers' and pedlars' licenses, tin and clock pedlars' licenses, pamphlet laws, militia fines, &c. And to facilitate this labor, as well as to establish a uniform and convenient mode for settling the accounts a *form* to be observed in making reports to the department has been prepared.

☞The Cincinnati Commercial recently stated that Almon Babbit, Esq., the authorised Agent of the Mormons, was in that city treating with Bishop Purcell, of the Catholic Church, for the sale of the city of Nauvoo, including lands, buildings, and the Temple. Mr. B. stated that it was the positive intention of the Mormons to sell their property to the Catholic Church, and to move out of the present jurisdiction of the United States, over the Rocky Mountains, and establish a separate government of their own. The Commercial further states that the sale is as good as effected, and an announcement to that effect may shortly be expected.

The Warsaw Signal noticing this article of the Commercial, says it was understood in that neighbourhood that Mr. Babbit had been employed to negotiate the sale, as stated by the Cincinnati paper. While the Mormons have been anxious to dispose of their property out of Nauvoo, they are careless about selling in the city.

The Signal states that several Mormons had endeavored to purchase all the Cotton Sheeting in Warsaw for Wagon Covers, the stock in Nauvoo having been totally exhausted. They are said to be making great numbers of wagons, preparatory to moving.

Death of Commodore Elliott.—The Philadelphia papers announce the death of Commodore Jesse D Elliott, at his residence in that city on Wednesday night. He was Commandant of the Navy Yard at that station. The Ledger says:—

The Commodore has been ill for the last six months of a complication of disorders, including disease of the heart. He was unconscious, we learn, for the last forty eight hours previous to his death. He was in the sixty second year of his age at the time of his decease.

Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

We find in the Philadelphia Ledger the following report of the remarks of the Hon. Geo. Darsie, Senator from this county, made at the great Railroad meeting in Philadelphia on Wednesday evening:

The Hon. George Darsie was then introduced to the meeting. He was received with enthusiastic applause. He, as a citizen of Pittsburgh, declared there was no hostility on the part of that city towards Philadelphia.

He said there was some difference of opinion, but he pledged himself and his colleagues from Allegheny to the support of the law they have now in contemplation. He said that they did, however, wish to connect with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, because if they did not so connect, the railroad would strike the Ohio below Pittsburgh, and then the grass would soon form on the tow paths of our State works. If the railroad would strike the Ohio below Pittsburgh, it will be at Fishing Creek, below all the bad navigation, and after that, not a pound of freight, or a single passenger, would go above it, and Pittsburgh would lose all the trade. He went on to show that with a continuous railroad from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, nothing is to be feared from a connection with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

He contended that Baltimore and Philadelphia were embarked in the same bottom, and that we have nothing to fear from the latter, but from New York and Boston. After showing that the interests of Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia were identified, and that we would have the advantage of the first named city in grade and in distance, he concluded by saying that Pittsburgh, and the southern tier of counties asked a connection with Baltimore, and would probably not go for the bill now under consideration unless Philadelphia acceded to their wishes. He, however, pledged himself to the bill under any and all circumstances.

After he had finished, a gentleman inquired of him whether Pennsylvania had any guarantee that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, after it had been granted a right of way to Pittsburgh, would not carry a line to a point lower down on the Ohio river.

Mr. Darsie replied that the only guarantee they had that such would not be the case, was the interest of the Railroad Company. It was not reasonable to suppose they would construct a double terminus on the Ohio, when the expense of carrying a track of the second would cost twice as much as the road already constructed.

Preamble and Resolutions of the Railroad Meeting in Philadelphia.

Whereas, The great Western Trade, whilst it contributes the largest portion of the *freight* and *tolls* received on the public improvements, has been and and continues to be one of the chief sources of the prosperity of Philadelphia—the loss of which would be severely felt by the State at large; and can be contemplated only, with the most painful apprehensions as by this community:

And whereas, the most strenuous and persevering efforts have been and continue to be made, by rival Cities and States, particularly by the construction of railroads on our Northern and Southern borders—with contemplated extensions westward—to divert the trade and travel, as well from the Canals and railroads of the Commonwealth, as from this her chief commercial emporium—the accomplishment of which can only be prevented by timely and vigorous action on the part of our own citizens and Legislature:

And whereas, it has been ascertained by careful and minute surveys, made under the direction of the canal commissioners, that by pursuing the most direct feasible route between Harrisburg and Pittsburg, a continuous rail road, not exceeding 229½ miles in length, without inclined plains, and with no gradients over 45 feet per mile, may be constructed at a moderate expense, and with the best prospects of an adequate remuneration—making the whole distance from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh (including the 106½ miles already in operation,) only 335 miles; being therefore shorter and better adapted to the use of locomotives, and capable of conveying freight and passengers in less time and to greater advantage than by any other known route between the Eastern and Western waters, in this State or elsewhere: Therefore,

Resolved, That in order to secure and maintain *for this city* the important advantages which nature has placed within her reach, and to which, from her character and position, she is justly entitled, and for the Commonwealth all the benefits of which her public improvements are susceptible, it has become alike important and expedient that a Rail Road without inclined planes and with moderate gradients be forthwith constructed by the most direct feasible route between Harrisburg and Pittsburg—thus uniting Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and the Eastern and Western waters, by a continuous Rail Road within our own borders.

Resolved, That a continuous Railroad, so constructed—contributing largely to the revenue derived from the present State Railroad, touching the State Canal at suitable points, and co-operating therewith in times of drought and disaster, supplying its place during the winter months, when the navigation is suspended, and ready at all seasons to convey passengers and light freight from city to city, in from twenty to twenty-four hours—would by the facilities afforded, and the confidence inspired, secure to the great "Pennsylvania Route," thus composed of both Canal and Railroad, and capable of thus acting jointly or separately, advantages far surpassing all others, and with the contemplated extensions Northward and Westward, would obtain for it an amount of trade and travel far beyond all former precedent, and at the same time place the growth and prosperity of Philadelphia and Pittsburg on foundations not easily shaken by rival projects from any quarter.

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania be, and they hereby are respectfully requested to grant an Act of Incorporation, with suitable provisions, for the purpose of making the said continuous Railroad, by the most direct feasible route, between Harrisburgh and Pittsburgh, on such equitable and liberal terms, as will at the same time secure its completion and protect the public improvements already made.

Resolved, That a committee of twenty-one be appointed by the Chair, to prepare and circulate for signature, a suitable Memorial, praying the Legislature to grant said Act of Incorporation; and the said committee are hereby authorized to take such further measures, as in their opinion may be deemed expedient to carry into effect the important object contemplated by this meeting.

Resolved, That a committee of nine be in like manner appointed to prepare and publish an Address to the people of Pennsylvania, setting forth the views and objects of this meeting.

Resolved, That the committees to be appointed in pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own bodies.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the citizens of other cities and counties, feeling an interest in this important undertaking, to hold similar meetings, and by other active measures to give their aid in securing for Pennsylvania the early completion of this great "*Central Avenue*" between the East and the West.

Resolved, That we disclaim all intention or desire—elsewhere imputed to us—of throwing obstacles or restraints in the way of improvements proposed to be made, within this State, by companies incorporated by other States, provided the advantages anticipated therefrom cannot be conferred by improvements made under the authority of our own State. But we *insist*—and we believe that all who think rightly on this subject will insist—that favors of this nature should be *reciprocal*—that the "right of way," with a view to the construction of canals or rail roads within our borders or other like grants by Pennsylvania to adjoining States, or to the citizens thereof, shall be made only, on the condition that the right to connect with the same or other like improvements, within *their* borders, be granted by said adjoining States, to Pennsylvania or to the citizens thereof. We believe that the welfare of the whole State ought not to be overlooked or lightly perilled, in order to promote sectional or local objects. We feel on these and kindred subjects, as we think *every true hearted Pennsylvanian should feel*. And we therefore do respectfully but earnestly exhort and entreat the Representatives of the whole people, to guard and protect the *general interest*, and not to permit the same to be sacrificed or placed in great jeopardy by the rival schemes or projects of other States or the citizens thereof, designed for their aggrandizement by our impoverishment, and enabling them to reap private advantages, whilst they bear no portion of the public burdens.

Committee on Memorials, &c.

David S. Brown, Thomas P. Hoopes, J. Fisher Leaming, A. S. Roberts, B. M. Hinchman, Thos. Tustin, James Magee, Gideon Scull, Hugh Campbell, Henry M. Watts, John B. Myers, Philip M. Price, E. A Penniman, Robert Allen, William Reynolds, Chas. S. Wood, Chas. Humphreys, C. G. Childs, Isaac W. Norris, Dr. Abm. Helffenstein, George M. Stroud, E. J. Lewis, John Welsh, jr.

Committee to Prepare an Address to the People of Pennsylvania.

George W. Toland, George N. Baker, John M. Atwood, Henry Welch, Isaac Hazlehurst, John K. Kane, Thomas C. Rockhill, Robert Allen.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

GREAT FIRE AT BRIDGEPORT.

We find in the New York Journal of Commerce of yesterday the subjoined brief account of a disastrous conflagration at Bridgeport, Ct., on Thursday, 1st, by which fifty-one houses were destroyed. The account was furnished by Captain Brooks, of the steamer Nimrod.

The fire commenced in George Weller's oyster shop and grocery, west side of Water street, two doors north of State, and extended up Water to opposite Munson Hawley's store; up Bank street to the building occupied by Conrad, sausage-maker, inclusive; across Bank street, up to William Peet's dwelling house, not inclusive; across State street, on the South side, burning every house, including the old Hoyt house, down to the building owned by S. B. Jones, and occupied as a bakery, then crossing Water street, beginning at the building known as A. & W. Hawley's store, and burning every building up to Munson Hawley's on the East side of Water street. Most of the goods were removed from the buildings, and subsequently burned in the street. There was a scarcity of water, owing to the tide being low while the fire was in progress. The principal sufferers, we learn, are insured in other cities, there being no insurance office in Bridgeport.

There were many families occupying dwellings above the stores.

The case of the citizens of Ohio, found guilty of aiding the escape of negroes from Parkersburgh, (Virginia) was commenced before the General Court of Virginia at Richmond, on Wednesday. The guilt of the parties rests upon the question as to how far the line of Virginia extends, whether it includes the whole bed of the Ohio river, from bank to bank, or goes only to low water mark. Mr. Patton, the Attorney General, opened the case on behalf of Virginia. The Richmond Compiler says:—

Mr. Patton sustained the original claim of Virginia to the territory, of which the State of Ohio is part, and relied upon the terms of the deed of cession to show that she had not granted, and had therefore reserved, the river itself. He then contended that the *river* was not merely the water limited by the low water marks, but the whole *bed* of the stream, from bank to bank. Much authority was cited bearing on this part of the question and one decision in the Supreme Court was controverted on the ground of its being an extra-judicial dictum.

The point of law is extremely delicate, and we doubt not the Hon. Mr. Venter, and Mr. B. W. Leigh who is associated with him, will sustain the cause of Ohio with great ability. Mr. Baxter will close the argument for the Commonwealth.

☞It will be remembered that considerable excitement was caused, in New Orleans in the Spring, by the cruel punishment inflicted on a slave. The N. O. Bee of the 3d, publishes another of this kind. "Gentlemen" owners forsooth! Fiends in human shape, rather.

Horrible Affair.—A gentleman named Alfred Beaufea made an affidavit yesterday before Recorder *Genois, to the effect that he resides* in Treme street, between Bayou and Barrack streets, next to the bakery of Messrs. Mark and Loarpe. That on Thursday last he heard the groans of a negro boy called Charbotte, alias Moustache, belonging to those gentlemen:—that the slave received that day upwards of fifty lashes; —the groans and cries for mercy were again heard when the slave received fifty lashes more. On Saturday night following he was again whipped. On Sunday night groans again were heard, when the slave received upwards of one hundred lashes; and on Monday morning early, he died and was buried. The deponent further states that he believes the boy died from severe chastisement.—Mr. Mark, it appears, does not live in the bakery, and it was Mr. Loarpe who inflicted the punishment. The latter was immediately arrested by order of the Recorder, and placed in prison. The Recorder sent the Coroner to examine the body of the negro in Potter's Field, which was done. After a post mortem examination by the physician, a verdict was returned that the deceased had come to his death from lock-jaw, caused from severe whipping received at the hands of some persons unknow to the jury. We have understood that the body bore marks of having been cut with the whip from the neck to knees, both in front and behind.

Horrible Occurrence.—On last Saturday week some teamsters in passing through the south western part of Clark county, Missouri, set fire to the prairie, whether by accident or design we know not. The farm of Mrs. Skiles, mother-in-law of the Hon. Amos Kendall of Washington City, being in danger, she ran out to extinguish the fire before it became incontrollable. The wind, blowing violently, connected the flames to her dress. Her cries brought her son to her relief; but while making efforts to extinguish the flames that enveloped his mother, the fire on the prairie surrounded them and both perished on the spot.—*Warsaw Signal of Dec. 3d.*

A Delegate from Oregon!—Dr. White, whose recent and rapid journey from Oregon to the United States, we some time since announced, is now in Washington, and is understood to be urging his claims to a seat in Congress, as the delegate of that distant territory. He has brought with him a petition from the inhabitants, asking the extension of our laws over them, and credentials from their provisional Legislature.

We learn that Dr. White is a New Yorker.—Should he fail in his claim, the Oregonese may set up an independent republic of their own.

Fire in Frankfort.—The Frankfort Commonwealth, of yesterday, says:

On Sunday morning last, about 4 o'clock, a fire broke out in Joseph H. Mayhall's grocery store, on Broadway, which could not be arrested till it destroyed the whole block of buildings connected with it, east and west. Mr. Mayhall's stock of goods and books were totally destroyed, nothing being saved but a coil of a rope. Mr. G. W. Owen, whose dwelling was immediately over Mayhall's store, saved nothing at all, glad enough to escape, as he barely did, with his wife and little ones, from the devouring flames. He had scarcely got out of his room when an explosion of about five pounds of powder in a tin canister below took place. Another explosion took place, supposed by the bursting of a cask of liquor.

☞The Cincinnati Gazette gives a list of eight Flat boats lately sunk between that city and Louisville, loaded with some 5 or 6,000 bbls of Flour, Bulk meat, Butter, &c. Part of the cargoes saved in a damaged condition, all insured in Cincinnati. Two Flat Boats were also aground at Craig's Bar, loaded with Flour, and in much danger. These are pretty severe losses.

The new Constitution of Louisiana which was recently submitted to the people of that State, has been accepted by a majority of 11,100.

PITTSBURGH, DECEMBER 17, 1845.

☞The proceedings of the Railroad meeting held yesterday, and some other matters, are crowded out this morning.

☞Our readers will not complain that we have occupied the most of our space to day, with Mr. Stewart's speech on the Tariff. Let every man in favor of home manufactures, "mark, learn and inwardly digest" this common-sense and unanswerable argument.

The Post has endeavored to show that Mr. Clay and the Whigs were not very far from Mr. Polk and his Secretary Walker and the Locofocos, in relation to the Tariff—both being in favor of a *Revenue* Tariff. This is one of the fallacies of that paper. The difference is just this, Mr. Clay and the Whigs are in favor of a Tariff which will produce sufficient revenue for the economical support of the government, *so levied as to produce the greatest amount, or a fair amount, of protection to home manufactures.* This is the Whig *Revenue Tariff.* This is the Tariff of 1842.

Messrs. Polk and Walker's Tariff, is a *Tariff for Revenue*, levied so as to produce sufficient support for the Government, *with the least possible amount of protection.*

The Whig Tariff makes protection an *object* in laying a Revenue Tariff. The Locofoco Tariff only allows protection to be an *incident*, when it cannot be helped!

Such is the difference between the two parties in regard to a *Revenue Tariff.*

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

SPEECH OF THE HON. ANDREW STEWART.

We embrace the first opportunity to find room for the unanswerable argument of Hon. Andrew Stewart, a noble son of Pennsylvania, in refutation of the sophisms of Mr. Polk, and Mr. Walker, on the Tariff. The speech was delivered in the House of Representatives of the United States, on Tuesday, December 9. In the first part of the speech the *"constitutional"* objections of Southern men are answered, in relation to protection, by quotations from Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Jackson. He then proceeds as follows:

MR. STEWART next referred to the message of President Monroe, who had over and over again, in the strongest and most emphatic language, urged upon Congress the propriety of protecting domestic manufactures. He then came to the message of Gen. Jackson—a name which, he should suppose, would still have some small measure of authority, at least with those who once professed themselves pre-eminently his friends.—Mr. S. would place in distinct and open contradiction the opinions held by the present Executive and his Secretary of the Treasury, as contained in the message of one and the report of the other, and the opinions of Andrew Jackson as contained in his Executive messages to Congress. He had already presented the doctrines of the existing Administration, as they were embodied in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, here interposed, and desired to present to Mr. Stewart this question: "Whether, when the duties levied were sufficient for the purposes of revenue, Mr. S. was in favor of adding other duties for the purpose of protection."

Mr. Stewart was understood to say in reply that he would attend to that question directly, but did not wish to be interrupted. He would now proceed to read a paragraph from the message of President Jackson, by way of refreshing gentlemen's recollection as to what had been the opinions on this subject avowed by that distinguished man.—Mr. S. considered the passage he was about to quote as containing one of the clearest and strongest vindications of the constitutional power to lay duties, for the purpose of protection, that had ever been put forth to the world. Here it is.

"The power to impose duties upon imports originally belonged to the several States. The right to adjust these duties, with a view to the encouragement of domestic branches of industry, is so completely identical with that power, that it is difficult to suppose the existence of one without the other. The States have delegated their whole authority over imports to the General Government, without limitation or restriction, saving the very inconsiderable reservation relating to the inspection laws.—This authority having thus entirely passed from the States, the right to exercise it for the purpose of protection does not exist in them; and, consequently, if it be not possessed by the General Government it must be extinct. Our political system would thus present the anomaly of a people stripped of the right to foster their own industry, and to counteract the most selfish and destructive policy which might be adopted by foreign nations. This surely cannot be the case; this indispensable power, thus surrendered by the States, must be within the scope of authority on the subject expressly delegated to Congress. In this conclusion I am confirmed, as well by the opinions of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, who have each repeatedly recommended this right under the Constitution, as by the uniform practice of Congress, the continued acquiescence of the States, and the general understanding of the people."—*Jackson's second Annual Message.*

Yet now Congress was to learn for the first time by Executive instruction that they possessed no *constitutional power* to protect our own home industry—no power to countervail the injurious regulations of other countries—no power to protect the labor of our own citizens from the destruction which must be brought upon it by an unrestricted competition with the pauper labor of Europe; but our own hardy sons of toil must be impoverished and ground down so long as the wretched beggars under a foreign Government were compelled by their necessities to labor at lower rates than freeborn Americans. Such was the doctrines distinctly promulgated by the President in his Message, and especially by his Secretary of the Treasury. Well might they be called extraordinary, for such they certainly were. Were the American people prepared to sustain opinions like these! Would they subscribe to the dogma that their own Government had no power to protect them! That was the doctrine—there was no evading it; Mr. S. desired to know whether this committee were prepared to give it the impress of their sanction?

This, however, was but one of the extraordinary doctrines in this most extraordinary production. It contained others equally strange, equally new, equally pernicious in tendency, equally destructive in practical operation. Would the people believe it? This document from the Secretary recommended the imposition of an excise on American manufactures—to take the duties off British goods, and put on the American.

Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, here again interposed, and as the gentleman was speaking a great deal about the protection of our home industry and domestic manufactures, Mr. J. desired to ask him another question. When the Government protected these manufactures, who paid? And if all were protected alike, what benefit was there in the protection?

Mr. Stewart resumed. The gentleman asked him who paid? The gentleman and his friends held the doctrine that the consumer always paid the duty, and the Secretary told the nation that the poor man was taxed eighty-two per cent. on cotton goods over the rich man. Yes, this poor man seemed a special favorite of the honorable Secretary. He had introduced him ten times in the course of two paragraphs of the report. His sympathy was greatly excited that this unhappy "poor man" was taxed one hundred and fifty per cent. on his cotton shirt, because there was a specific duty on imported cotton goods of nine cents a yard. Now, if this specific duty of nine cents amounted to a hundred and fifty per cent. *ad valorem* that fixed the price of the cotton to the "poor man" at but six cents a yard, for nine cents was just a hundred and fifty per cent. on six cents

So the practical effect of the horrid tax was, that this "poor man" got a good shirt at sixpence a yard. And Mr. S. would tell the gentleman another thing: When those most abominable minimums, which so excited the wrath of the Secretary, had first been introduced in 1816 by William Lowndes—one of the purest patriots and most intelligent statesman that had ever graced these legislative halls, and sustained too, by John C. Calhoun, scarcely less distinguished—India cotton goods, of the very coarsest quality, known to every lady at the time by the name of hum-hums, cost thirty-three cents a yard; so that the "poor man" would then have had to pay four dollars for twelve yards of it, and the effect of the infamous minimums had been that every poor man in the country could now get a better article for six and a quarter cents. That was the way the people were taxed and oppressed by the protective system; and this was the manner in which the "poor man" was ground down to the dust to benefit his rich monopolist! The Secretary persuaded this poor man that he was taxed eighty-two per cent. more than the rich man, and this was quite insufferable, yet he paid only six cents for what formerly cost him thirty-six cents, and of an inferior quality at that. On that thirty-six cents protection laid a duty of nine cents, which was but twenty five per cent. *ad valorem.*

These dreadful minimums had, in their practical consequences, given the farmers a market, given their children employment, made their cattle profitable, filled the country with the hum of contented industry, and had brought down the price of the poor man's clothing from thirty-six cents a yard, down—down—down, as the system proceeded, till at last it gave it to him at six cents a yard. Now the Secretary cried out that the duty on these cottons was a hundred and fifty per cent. *ad valorem!* Enormous! Horrid! And why? The duty had not changed, but the price had. As the price went down the duty went up. At thirty-six cents per yard, nine cents duty would be twenty-five per cent., at six cents a yard, the duty would be one hundred and fifty per cent, and if the price descended to one cent a yard, then the duty would be nine hundred per cent! The poor man robbed, plundered, and oppressed by a duty of nine hundred per cent, simply because he gets a yard of cotton goods for one cent! Let the manufacturer run up the price to thirty-six cents again, and the oppression is all over; the duty of nine cents a yard falls instantly to twenty-five per cent, a moderate revenue duty. No more complaint; these friends of the "poor man" are perfectly satisfied.

Such was the practical operation of these odious minimums which had reduced the poor man's cotton goods from twenty-five and thirty cents per yard to six and eight cents. Yet this was the system which must be given up; this was the operation which was so oppressive and so *unconstitutional* that it must be suffered to exist no longer upon our statute book! The duty was to be taken off the foreign goods, and put upon American manufactures; such was the doctrine of this report.

Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, here again asked Mr. Stewart, if the tariff brought down the prices of articles taxed, what was it that brought down the price of other goods in the same proportion.

Mr. Stewart replied that such was not the fact. Other goods not manufactured here, silks, velvets, &c., had not declined in the same ratio, nor had wages or agricultural produce; because the protective tariff had increased the supply of domestic goods by increasing competition, and had sustained wages and agricultural produce by creating an increased demand for both. If the gentleman could comprehend that demand and supply regulate price, it would be all plain.

When interrupted, he had been controverting the doctrines put forth by the Secretary in his report. He had referred to a table which had been reported to the House last session by the Committee of Ways and Means, for the purpose of showing the enormous tax which was imposed by the system of minimums; but when the Secretary, by the assistance of the honorable chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, was preparing with great labor and pains this document, he seemed to forget that he was at the same moment furnishing mathematical proof of the exact extent to which protection had reduced prices. By converting specific into ad valorem duties, the duty runs up precisely as the price runs down; so, by showing an increased rate of duty, the gentlemen have only shown reduced prices.

The duty is fixed, and cannot vary. The *ad valorem* duties are always the same. None were imposed by the tariff of 1842 above 50 per cent. How, then, does the President in his message, get duties of 200 per cent! This can only be done by converting the *specific* duties into *ad valorem* duties; and, when this is done, a high duty only shows a low price. If the duty is 200 per cent, the price must be one-fourth only of the duty. Thus we are told that glass pays the enormous duty of 200 per cent; and why! Because the duty is $4 per box, and the price $2 per box; but if the glass went down to $1 per box, the duty would be 400 per cent. Thus we are told by the Secretary of the Treasury and the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means that the people paid in all a tax of eighty-four millions, of which but twenty-seven went to the Government, and fifty-seven to the manufacturers; and he gave a list of sixty or seventy articles on which the duty amounted to more than a hundred per cent. Very well; and what did this prove! Why, simply that the prices of those articles had been greatly diminished, as in the case of cottons. The same duty, which, when levied, had been but 25 per cent., had now become 150 per cent., simply because the price had gone down to one-fourth part what it was. So the main result of all the labor and ciphering of the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means had been to furnish to the whole country official demonstration that prices had been reduced by a protective tariff to one-fourth or one-fifth of what they had been in 1816. Take a plain illustration: the tariff imposed a duty of four cents per pound on nails; the price of nails in 1816 had been 16 cents per pound; so that the duty was then 25 per cent. on the price: but the same duty we are told in this report, is 100 per cent; and how so! Because the price had fallen from sixteen cents to four cents per pound. Very oppressive on the "poor man," who has thus now to pay 100 per cent. on nails! The explanation of all this was perfectly plain and easy. The effect of competition and of American industry had increased the supply, and by an increased supply, in this as in all other cases, had reduced the price of glass, cotton, &c., whilst it had rendered the whole neighborhood prosperous by the increased demand for all the productions of the farmers.

Mr. S. thanked the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means for this document; it had furnished to him and to the country undeniable proof, from the highest authority, to what an extent prices had been reduced, insomuch that the duty on one article, though reasonable at first, had now risen to three hundred and eighty-nine per cent. *ad valorem*, brought about solely by the *reduction* of the price. Mr. S. defied escape from this position. Let any gentleman take the report and examine it, and the more they examined the more they would be convinced that this was a true explanation of the whole matter. Yet this was held forth for the purpose of exciting alarm; it furnished a topic for popular declamation; it might persuade the "poor man" that he was greatly oppressed, because he paid a tax of two hundred per cent. on his window-glass; and he perhaps would not understand that if glass fell to a dollar a box, he would be taxed 400 per cent. or if by any improvement in the manufacture he should be enabled to get his glass at fifty cents a box, why then he would be paying the enormous, unheard of tax of *eight hundred per cent.* This same "poor man" of the Secretary sometimes wanted to buy a few nails, and the Secretary alarmed him by the intelligence that nails were taxed a hundred per cent on their value. So they were: but what did he pay for them! He used to pay sixteen cents a pound, but this wicked oppressive tariff has brought them down to four cents. Now, who did not see that if a specific duty of four cts. a pound on nails amounted now to a hundred per cent., should nails be brought down to a cent a pound, the duty would be four hundred per cent.! What an oppression to get nails at a penny a pound! Surely the 'poor man' was likely to be utterly crushed and ruined.

Mr. S. said he had wished to point out some other of the extraordinary doctrines contained in this paper of the Secretary, and there was one which would startle the country; it was covered up in cautious language, but when this veil was drawn aside, and the truth exposed, he again warned gentlemen that it would startle the country. This free-trade Secretary had recommended an excise on American manufactures. Yes, that was the protection he had provided for American industry; it was to take off the duty from foreign manufactures, and put it on our own. Hear him:

"In accordance with these principles, it is believed that the largest practicable portion of the aggregate revenue should be raised by maximum revenue duties upon luxuries, whether grown, produced, or manufactured at *home* or *abroad.*'

Let mechanics and manufacturers hear that. Every American artisan should hear it. The duty was to be on articles, &c., "whether grown, produced, or manufactured *at home* or abroad." Here was an American Secretary distinctly recommending to levy the highest rate of revenue duties on goods manufactured *at home.* What was this but an excise! What else was an excise than a tax on the manufactured goods of this country! Yet this was the Secretary's recommendation. How would American manufacturers like it!

Both in the message and in the report the Administration had given its own definition of what, according to its understanding, was a revenue standard of duty; and this was the language of the President's message:

"The precise point in the ascending scale of duties at which it is ascertained from experience that the revenue is greatest, is the maximum rate of duty which can be laid for the *bona fide* purpose of collecting money for the support of Government. To raise the duties higher than that point, and thereby diminish the amount collected, is to levy them for protection merely, and not for revenue. As long, then, as Congress may gradually increase the rate of duty on a given article, and the revenue is increased by such increase of duty, they are within the revenue standard. When they go beyond that point, and, as they increase the duties the revenue is diminished or destroyed, the act ceases to have for its object the raising of money to support Government, but is for protection merely."

Here was the rule by which duties were to be laid. The moment an American manufacturer had succeeded in supplying our own market, and began to thrive in his business, that would be a proof that the duty was too high for revenue: it was no longer a revenue duty but a protective duty, and it must forthwith be reduced. As the American furnished *more* goods to the country, *less* foreign goods would be imported, revenue would be diminished, and the duty must come down: that was the rule. And now Mr. S. would ask, under such a rule as this, what man in his senses would vest a dollar in manufactures! What was the prospect before him! The moment when, by industry and enterprise, he should succeed in getting the better of his foreign competitor, down with the duty. If a shoemaker or a hatter, by making better or cheaper hats or shoes, had got possession of the market, the eye of this free-trade system was fastened on him like a vulture. The Secretary found he was doing too well, and the duty must be reduced to let in the foreigner. Such was the plan of this Administration. The mechanic, finding his protection thus diminished, and having no other resource but his business, would go on to work longer and to work harder than before, and when, by working out of hours, he had contrived to get over the opposition of his own Government, and began to get together a little profit, the same doctrine would repeat the process; the duty would be evidently too high—down with it! The "poor man" would now take his children from school and bring them into the shop. They too would now work, while the man himself worked harder and harder. But what wouldd be the result!

It would only bring him up to the Secretary's rule; the duty must be again lowered, and still go on to be lowered, more and more, till at last this free-born American must be ground down by the action of his own Government to the degraded and wretched condition of an English pauper or a Russian serf. The moment an American laborer succeeded by his exertion in shutting out foreign competition, the foreigner must be let in and put over him. What sort of a rule was this! For whom would one suppose it to be made! For the American Manufacturer, or the European! Clearly it was a rule for the benefit of the foreigner. And could an independent and intelligent American consent to live under such a rule! The moment the American rises to his feet, in this struggle with foreigners for the American market, he is to be knocked down by this Executive *poker*, and *walked over* by his Secretary Walker. [A laugh.] And this was their *American system.* Mr. S. insisted it was a British system. It was just such a system as Sir Robert Peel would have recommended, could he have spoken through President Polk as his trumpet; its practical, its universal operation, would be what he had just now described. And would the House endorse a system like this! This was the far-famed *"free trade system,"* now for the first time promulgated by an American fiscal officer. Oh how this tender-hearted Secretary did love the "poor man!" His love was so great that he would bring him down to a level with the British paupers!

Since the improvements in steam, the cost of transportation was comparatively nothing. Take off the duty, and the British workshops would be brought to our door. Suppose these British laborers were in Alexandria, working at twenty-five cents, was any man so blind as not to see that they must soon break down the workmen of Washington! The employer would soon begin to talk to them in a very intelligible language. "My competitors in Alexandria get labor for twenty-five cents a day, and you must take the same or quit." Now, where was the difference, whether the distance was a little greater or a little less! The practical operation of the system would be just the same. And this was the blessed system of free trade! The workmen of England and France could work cheaper than ours, and free-trade doctrine held that we must buy wherever we could buy cheapest. Down went the duty, in came foreign goods, out went American money; and out and out it went till we had no more money to send, and the people and their Government became bankrupt together. This was the blessing which the compassionate Secretary had in store for the "poor man!" Oh, how he loved him! He brought in "the poor man" ten times in two paragraphs! But his love would be very apt to operate like the love a certain bear once had for a "poor man" when he hugged him to death. [A laugh.]

Mr S. had seen Mr. Walker's name announced for the Presidency. Now, an uncharitable observer might perhaps say that Mr. Walker was looking to be the "poor man's" candidate. If so, he proposed a wise plan, for his system would soon make all the people poor, and then he would go in by acclamation. [Much merriment.]

The Secretary's system might not inaptly be termed a plan to manufacture "poor men." Such would be its practical result and there would be no escaping it. Let the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Payne) examine the report as long as he pleased, and see if he could make anything else out of it. And now Mr. S. would ask the members of this committee and his countrymen generally whether the adoption of such a plan would not be equivalent to passing a law that henceforth no further capital should be invested in manufactures? It was in the nature of a notice beforehand, and it ran in this wise: "Gentlemen, you may invest your money in such way as you may deem best, but we here notify you that, as soon as you shall have supplied the American market, and we find that in consequence of your success imports begin to diminish, the duties must be reduced, and foreign goods must be let in until we get revenue enough to pay all Government officers." With such a notice before him, who would engage in manufactures! Who would invest the capital he had received by inheritance or accumulated by his own enterprise and toil, with the certainty before his eyes that just as soon as he began to gather a little strength, to acquire greater

PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

PITTSBURGH, DECEMBER 18, 1845.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

It is our intention to enlarge this paper, on the first of January, to the mammoth size, larger than any paper in Western Pennsylvania, and exceeded by few in the country. A part of the room thus obtained will be devoted to an *agricultural department*, and we shall try to find room for an occasional *moral tale*. But the chief part of the paper, as heretofore, will be devoted to politics, foreign and domestic intelligence, commercial intelligence, and the various items which go to make up a modern newspaper, in which we shall always keep the *useful* in view, before mere amusement. We shall also pay close attention to the various *religious* movements of the day—and try in fact to make our paper an *impartial history of the times*—so that those of our readers who take no other paper shall be kept fully acquainted with all that is desirable to know, as to the "passing tidings of the times," whether in church or state.

In order to this propo ed enlargement, we are compelled to go to an outlay of *two thousand dollars* for a press large enough to print it on with a sufficient degree of speed, and as we do not intend to raise the price on our subscribers, but to give them the paper at the old price of *two dollars a year in advance*, we are under the necessity of asking them to pay up all arrearages to the first of January next, as soon as possible. We think there is nothing unreasonable in this, and we doubt not it will give them the greatest pleasure to comply, as they will be encouraging us in our labors for their benefit. If all indebted to us for subscriptions will pay up immediately, we shall be able to meet our additional expenses without embarrassment. We have another request to make, to ask all to comply with our terms, and *pay in advance*. This will be more essentially necessary to us when our paper is enlarged, as our profits will then be very small.

We have still another request—and one, too, which we believe will give all our good subscribers pleasure to grant—that is to get us a few new subscribers for our *enlarged paper*. Ask your neighbors to take the paper, and after they read it one year, they will thank you for it. To encourage you to do this, we will allow to each of you *fifty cents* for each *new* subscriber you may obtain *with the money in advance*. Understand, the money must always be paid in *advance*, in all cases, when the fifty cents are allowed. Some of you, no doubt, can get subscribers enough in this way to pay your own subscription. We shall not make much by this liberal offer, but we hope it will increase the circulation of our paper, and enable us to reap the advantage in the future. It is no small consideration, also, that it will tend to spread correct moral and political principles. We have thus addressed our subscribers frankly, and as we have heretofore found the most of them obliging and respectable men, we doubt not they will accede to our wishes as far as in their power.

Oct. 30, 1845.

P. S. We have sent a Prospectus to many of our subscribers, which they can use in obtaining new names to our list.

Correspondence of the Baltimore American.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON Dec. 15.

In the *Senate* after some unimportant business, a debate commenced.

THE ARMY—NAVY—OREGON.

Mr. Cass called up the resolutions heretofore submitted by him relative to the condition of the Army and Navy. The resolutions having been read, Mr. Cass sustained them in a speech of some length, in which he took occasion to state his conviction that an important crisis is approaching and that the danger of war is imminent. The claims of the two nations, he said, are irreconcilable. War is a great calamity and should be avoided—but there is a greater calamity even than war, that is, national dishonor. The pretensions of the two countries are such that there is no common ground on which we can meet. Shall we recede!—No, Mr. President, such a thing is not to be thought of.

If the last proposition of England be her *ultimatum* I have no hesitation in saying that it is equivalent to a declaration of war, and that hostilities must commence upon the termination of the year's notice. Danger can neither be averted nor avoided by indifference. Let us then look our difficulties boldly in the face. I hesitate not to declare that the only way to avert a war is to unite with all the energy God has given us, in a public determination to carry it on with vigor. Mr. C. quoted largely from the speech of Lord John Russell in the House of Commons on the 4th April last, to show the little probability that exists that England will recede from the position she has taken on this question. Mr. Cass having concluded he was followed by

Mr. Mangum, who deprecated the introduction of the resolutions and their consideration at this time. Mr. M. regretted exceedingly the course of the remarks of the Senator from Michigan. That gentleman, he said, had professed a perfect coincidence of opinion with the executive, but he certainly took a very strange way of showing it. Mr. M said that he had an honest confidence in the President of the United States on this question, and was willing to leave the matter in his hands.

It was the duty of the Committee proposed to be instructed to make the very investigation called for, without being goaded to it by any action of the Senate. When the Executive called upon Congress, Mr. M. and those with whom he acted would be ready to go as far as the farthest in supporting all measures necessary for the defence of the country—but he wanted, if an increase of the military and naval force is asked for, that the requisition should come from the President who alone was responsible, and not from any subordinate branch of the government. Mr. Mangum concluded by moving that the resolutions be laid over until to-morrow, which motion was lost.

Mr. Allen followed in reply to the Senator from North Carolina, and in support of the resolutions.

Mr. Archer advocated the postponement of the resolutions, but expressed his intention to vote for them, if pressed to vote this time. He expressed his approbation of the course taken by the Executive in relation to the Oregon negotiation.

In the *House*, Mr. Rockwell, of Ct. complained of the manner in which the resolutions passed by the Legislature of Ct., introduced by himself, had been treated. On motion they were laid on the table and printed.

Petitions were presented, one by the notorious Pettit of Ia., against paying the Chaplains of Congress out of the Government Treasury.

A large number of remonstrances were presented against the annexation of Texas, from all the free states. They were all laid upon the table.

Mr. Adams presented Resolutions from the Legislature of Mass., upon the subject of slavery in Texas. Laid upon the table. Slave advertisements from the Boston Newspapers of 1741, were read by permission.

Mr. Adams followed with the Resolutions adopted by the Legislature of Massachusetts against the treatment of certain citizens of Massachusetts (colored) by the States of Louisiana and South Carolina, when arriving at the ports of Charleston and New Orleans. Mr. Adams said that his State desired that the questions at issue should be brought before the judicial tribunals of the country, but as the States of South Carolina and Louisiana declined to do so, it became necessary to bring the subject to the attention of the General Government as legislation became necessary.

They were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

☞ Flour is rating at $4,87½ to 5,12½ in Cincinnati. Molasses 33c on the wharf. Hogs $4 to 4,25. Whiskey 24½c.

☞ At New York on Saturday evening, buyers were offering $6,25 a 6,31 for Flour and refused to pay more.

☞ Sales Flour in Baltimore on Monday at $5.75.

☞ At New Orleans at noon of the 6th, Sugar was 4½@6¼c, and a small business doing. Molasses brisk at 22c. $7 was refused for common brands of Ohio Flour—sales at $7,12½.

☞ The Locofocos of the city held a Convention on Tuesday, and nominated the following ticket: For Mayor, Dr. *Wm. Kerr;* For Overseers of the Poor, *I. J. Ashbridge* and *Wm. McClure;* For Auditors, *John J. Mitchell, Wm. C. Meredith* and *Alex. Tindle.* Some resolutions were passed denouncing the Councils in the matter of the Relief Fund,—a most contemptible mode of endeavoring to advance the interests of their party candidates, by making a political matter of the disbursement of the benevolence of our fellow-citizens.

RUFUS ELLIOTT DISCHARGED.—On Saturday last, on application of his counsel, General Walter Jones and P. R. Fendall, Esquires, William Rufus Elliott, who stood charged with killing William Z. Kendall, was discharged by the criminal court of Washington county. The application for the discharge was based on the presentment of the grand jury, that Mr. Kendall came to his death from a pistol shot fired by the said Elliott in self-defence.

A large meeting was held at Boston last week to devise means of extending aid to Ireland, now threatened by a famine, in consequence of the failure of her potato crop. THOMAS MOONEY, Esq. presided and addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. O'FLANERTY of Salem, the Rev. Mr. O'RILEY, of South Boston, and the Hon. ISAAC A. WRIGHT. At the close of the speeches a subscription list was opened and upwards of six hundred dollars raised on the spot. Measures were then adopted to increase the fund.

ILLINOIS FARMING.—It is stated in the Alton Telegraph, that Mr. J. G. CRANDELL, formerly of Monroe county, New York, about three years ago purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Brighton, ten or twelve miles from Alton; that, with two sons, he proceeded to put the same in cultivation; and that this farm, besides supporting his family, will yield him the present year over *fourteen hundred* dollars in cash. All the labor, except during harvest, was performed by Mr. C. and his two sons—the entire sum paid for hire not exceeding one hundred dollars. His main crop is wheat, of which he has sown one hundred acres this fall. Mr. C. cultivated two hundred and fifty acres of good land in New York, but never realized so much as from this crop. Two things are evident from the facts stated. Large farms are of no advantage, and industry and thrift are all that is necessary, in the west, to make farmers independent and wealthy.

PEORIA, ILL.—There was a regular party setto, in the election of city officers, at Peoria, on the 1st inst. It resulted in a complete triumph of the Whigs, carrying every officer, from Mayor to Ward officers. Last year the town was Loco.

ALTON, ILL.—The best samples of wheat bring 85 cents at Alton. Heavy contracts for corn have been made at 25 cents. Between 2 and 3,000 hogs were slaughtered last week—prices ruled as during the previous week, though a few choice lots brought from $3.62 to 3.75 per cwt. About 500 head of beef were slaughtered during the week.

NUMBER OF MORMONS IN HANCOCK COUNTY.—Mr. Owen, who is now engaged in taking the census, stated to us on Saturday last, that the population of Nauvoo, within the old corporate limits is 11,000. Besides this there are about 4,000, in the vicinity of the city, making in all about 15,000. Nearly all the Mormons are now living in Nauvoo or its vicinity, and are included in the above estimate.

The population of the whole county will be, we estimate, about 23,000. This is certainly the most populous county in the state; but when the Saints are gone, it will loose some in number; but we hope it will gain in respectability.—*Warsaw Signal.*

☞ There appears to be something going on in Hancock county, Ill; affairs that we do not rightly comprehend—nor have we seen any one that can give correct information of what is going on. There appears to be some mystery connected with the proceedings of certain official gentlemen, which a few days will probably explain. An express arrived from Carthage on Saturday night bringing letters for several gentlemen in this city. From what has leaked out, we are led to believe that an important movement is at hand. If rumors are correct, "the twelve" will hardly get away when "grass grows" and "water runs" in the Spring. "Uncle Sam," has a little business to settle with them. We shall probably have more light in a few days.—*Quincy (Ill.) Whig.*

From the National Intelligencer.

THE MISSION TO MEXICO.

If the announciation in the President's Message of the departure of an Envoy Extraordinary to Mexico struck every body with something like surprise from its suddenness, not less surprise was generally felt in the south at the circumstances of his departure; the secresy, the concealment of person and purpose, with which the Minister was, as it were, smuggled on board of one of our vessels of war and spirited away, leaving a cloud of mystery behind him, which had scarcely began to clear off at the place of his embarkation before the President's Message came to disperse it.

Why all this precipitancy, this mystification of the Public! every one must have asked himself. The joint resolution of Congress for the Annexation of Texas did indeed direct the openin; of negotiation with Mexico; and not merely as to *the limits* of annexation, but as to annexation itself. The peaceful consent of Mexico was to be procured, if possible; and even an equivalent for her supposed injury might have been stipulated, (as it had been repeatedly offered,) not merely for her claim on Texas proper, but for any further territory. But the Executive put aside both these effects of his instructions; proceeded to annexation without negotiation, substituting for it a display of naval and military force, and, so far from negotiation for boundary, claiming all question on the subject to have been settled by his own act—declaring to Congress, in his Message, that "the *jurisdiction* of the United States, which was, &c., has passed the Capes of Florida and been PEACEFULLY EXTENDED *to the Del Norte!*"

On the score of teritory, then, having surely nothing further *yet* to demand, and "annexation" not having to be treated about any longer, Mr. SLIDELL must have gone out in this great haste upon some other business. This other *business*, which the President also informs Congress in his Message that the Minister was instructed to bring to a conclusion "at the earliest paacticable period," could not be the claims of the citizens of the two Governments upon each other—that being a matter requiring much deliberation and consideration of details, &c. But, what is probably the object of this mission, concealed from Congress and not alluded to in the Message, is indicated from so many sources that we begin to give credit to it, though it seems hardly to be worthy of belief that, before having finished the "annexation" of one great foreign territory, the President should, without consulting Congress, or even the Senate, have set himself to work to negotiate for another.

Not to keep our readers in ignorance, however, of what *others* say and believe on the subject, we submit for their information the following extract of a letter from Washington to the New York Courier and Enquirer:

"If I am correctly informed, as I doubt not I am, there is a strong probability that our territory in that quarter will before a period not very distant be enlarged by the annexation of California. My information is, that Mr. Slidell is charged with the purchase of that department of the Mexican Confederation; and the embarrassed position and the necessities of the Central Government, together with the disturbed condition of three provinces, encourage the belief that Mexico will not be disinclined to listen, and perhaps accede to the propositions he is authorized to make."

Rail Road Meeting.

In pursuance of a call previously made in the city papers, a large meeting of the citizens of Pittsburgh and vicinity, convened in the old Court House, at 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon; when, the place of meeting being found inconvenient, it was resolved to adjourn to the Board of Trade Rooms.

On motion of Mr. T. Bakewell, W. J. HOWARD, Esq., Mayor of the city, was called to the chair, and S. MCKELVEY Esq., appointed Secretary.

The Chairman then read the call, as explanatory of the objects of the meeting.

On motion of N. B. Craig, Esq., a committee of three was appointed to draw up resolutions for the consideration of the meeting;

Whereupon the Chairman appointed N. B. Craig, T. Bakewell, and J. Carothers, Esqires, on said committee.

After a few minutes absence, the committee returned, and through their Chairman, Mr. Craig, reported the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, the citizens of Pittsburgh and of Allegheny county, have learnt with pleasure, that a Convention of Delegates is to be held at Harrisburgh, on the 12th day of January next;

And Whereas, it is necessary and proper, not only that our city and county should be represented there, but also, that our views and sentiments, in relation to the various questions of internal improvement, likely to be agitated during the next session of our legislature should be known.

Resolved, Therefore that the citizens of Pittsburgh have seen with great satisfaction, the recent earnest efforts of the citizens of Philadelphia, in favor of the construction of a continuous Railroad from that city to Pittsburgh, that this satisfaction is greatly enhanced, by the knowledge, that some of the most active participators in this movement were not long since vigorous opposers of such a Railroad, and most earnest prophets of evil to our public works in case such an improvement should be made.

Resolved, That it is a subject of sincere gratification to the members of this meeting, to learn by the first resolution of the late meeting, that it is now the unanimous opinion of that large assemblage of intelligent men, that a Railroad from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, is necessary to secure to that city and the Commonwealth, all the benefits of her public improvements.

Resolved, That this meeting is pleased to see this evidence that the citizens of our Eastern Emporium are disposed to give the subject careful and dispassionate consideration, and that we are encouraged to hope that they will yet, before it is too late, perceive the very serious injury that must be done to our public works, in case the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad should, by the unwise legislation of this State, be driven to the Ohio south and west of Pittsburgh.

Resolved, That the citizens of Pittsburgh have beheld with pleasure, the recent movement of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, in favor of the improvement of the Ohio River, and trust that a combined and earnest application will be made to Congress, at its present session; and that to secure the hearty co-operation of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, it is highly desirable that the Legislature of Pennsylvania should adopt a liberal and generous policy towards that city and our sister State.

Resolved, That the members of this meeting do entertain most sincere apprehensions, that if our Legislature should pursue a harsh and unwise policy towards Maryland and Baltimore and thus drive the Railroad to a point on the Ohio, west of Pennsylvania, that the influence of that city and State, and of other western and southern States, may be earnestly interposed against any improvement of the Ohio river above the point of intersection.

Resolved, That the citizens of Pittsburgh deem it a duty as well as true wisdom, to pursue a liberal course towards every section of our common country, and not to oppose every measure of internal improvement which happens not to lead to our own doors.

Resolved, Therefore, That our Representatives in the Legislature, be instructed to pursue a liberal course towards all applications for charters, for works of internal improvement, where no aid is asked from the Treasury, trusting the wisdom of such investments of money to the judgment of the capitalists.

Resolved, That this meeting in thus acting towards other sections of the Commonwealth, feels justified in appealing to the other counties and asking from them like liberality, and in reminding the citizens of more favored sections of the State, that the grant of the right of way to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, if accepted and acted upon, will benefit a portion of the State which has hitherto participated but little in the favors of government, while it has borne its just share of the burdens.

Resolved, That the members of this meeting can scarcely entertain a hope of support for the continuous railroad from the South-west counties of the State, while Philadelphia city and certain counties are exhibiting a harsh and illiberal policy towards them.

Resolved, That while this meeting thankfully acknowledges, and cordially reciprocates the kind feelings manifested at the late Railroad meeting in Philadelphia, towards this section of the State, yet they cannot refrain from avowing their deliberate conviction, that the extension of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to a point on the Ohio below Pittsburgh, would be alike injurious to this city, the State at large, and the city of Philadelphia; and neutralize many of the advantages so confidently predicted from the construction of the contemplated Railroad, by attracting a vast majority of Western passengers, and a large proportion of the traffic which would otherwise be conveyed along the Pennsylvania improvements.

Resolved, That we earnestly disclaim all idea of opposition to the interests of our commercial emporium, or preference for any of her rivals, and in common with every true hearted Pennsylvanian rejoice in her prosperity, and feel a just and honest pride in contemplating the numerous literary, scientific and benevolent Institutions, which decorate the favorite city of Penn, of Rittenhouse, and of Franklin; yet nevertheless we cannot be insensible to the advantages which we should derive from a Railroad connection with the waters of the Chesapeake, as well as the Delaware; nor can we believe that our communication with Baltimore would in any degree deprive Philadelphia of that control over the commerce of the West, which her advantageous position, her extended capital and her numerous business connections will always enable her to exercise.

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure that there now exists a prospect of the revival of the projected improvements, which will extend to these northern and north-western counties the inestimable advantages of a direct railroad connection with the Delaware and the Atlantic.

Resolved, That we deprecate as sincerely as our Philadelphia brethren, the sacrifice of the general interest of the State, to promote schemes or projects of sectional or local advantage, but that we consider the expenditure of large sums, derived from other sources, in the construction of works whose advantages will in a great measure enure to the benefit of our own citizens and our own state, as an object rather to be desired than declined.

Resolved, That one hundred delegates be appointed in conjunction with our Senator and Representatives, to attend the Railroad Convention at Harrisburgh.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings, duly authenticated, be laid before the said Convention, and that they be published in all the newspapers of this county.

Mr. Bakewell, after the reading of the Resolutions, withdrew one of them, when, after an amendment by Mr. Bigler, which was acceded to by the Committee, the report was unanimously adopted.

A motion was then made to appoint Delegates to the Harrisburgh Convention, when, after considerable discussion the following gentlemen were appointed Delegates:

Wm. Wilkins, H. Denny, N. B. Craig, T Bakewell, J. Carothers, Wm. J. Howard, J. Fernock, Josiah King, J Graham, W. Marshall, A. Brackenridge, Wm. Marks, T Warren, J. E. Sheridan, Wm. A. Penniman, R. M. Riddle, D. N. White, W. H. Whitney, J. W. Biddle, J. Gibson, T. Irwin, H. Smyser, John Tassey, R. Mackey, R. Christie, S. McKelvy, Walter Forward, T. Blackmore, C. Shaler, Henry Earl, D. Shields, W. H. Lowrie, Rody Patterson, Samuel Jones, C. McKibben, Jas. A. Wray, J. Kelley, W. Bell, Geo. Bailey, P. McCormick, Wm. Larimer, jr., M. Robertson, F. Karns, H. Graff, Henry Sterling, J. Blakely, Dr. A. N. McDowell, John Morrison, George Gebhart, John Irwin, J. Willock, J. Murray, J. K. Moorhead, C. Ihmsen, J. G. Reed, A. W. Roebling, Dr. A. Black, O. O. Gregg, J. Mecaskey, Chas. McClure, Jno. Perry, R. C. Grier, Wm. Eichbaum, John Brown, John Bigler, Geo. Ledlie, J. Hannah, Wm. Cabin, W. M. Shinn, S. Walker, R. H. Kerr, R. Hilands, R. R. R. Dumars, F. Muse, Hiram Kaine, Wm. L. Miller, John T. Whitten, Wm. Karns, Wm. Robinson, jr., John Arthurs, Robert Porter, Jas. Gray, 4th st., A. W. Loomis, G. W. Layng, E. D. Gazzam, T. Williams, Wilson McCandless, T. Scott, H. S. Magraw, R. Galway, Geo. Weyman, James Crossan, S. W. Black, S. Lothrop, Geo. A. Bayard, T. S. Clark, F. Lorenz, Wm. B. Foster, John Bissel, J. B. Guthrie, C. Avery.

While the motion to adopt the above list of Delegates was before the meeting, a motion was made to strike off the name of Mr. J. K. MOORHEAD, on the ground that he was opposed to the right of way; but upon his explanation, it was withdrawn. Mr. M. said he was in favor of a continuous Rail Road from Philadelphia to this city.

BENTON KERR, as usual, made a speech, which, however, was of such weight that it went to the bottom by the force of gravity, as soon as he was delivered of it.

There was some difference of opinion when the meeting assembled as to the object of the Convention to be held at Harrisburgh—it was not fairly understood. That, if we are rightly informed, is a Convention called by the one held in Ridgeway, in November, and will be attended by all the friends of the Sunbury and Erie road.

However, it will now probably be more general in its object. The proceedings and resolutions of the meeting on Tuesday are characterized by great moderation, and fully bear Mr. DARSIE out in his assertion that there is no hostility to Philadelphia in this city. Individual exceptions, such as displayed at this meeting, are beneath notice.

The New York Evening Post, (whose veteran Editor is again at its helm,) remarking upon the report of active preparation going on at the English dock-yards, of which probably, having recent ly returned from Europe, he has had some opportunity of personal observation, does not attach so much importance to them as others do in reference to the existing dispute between the United States and Great Britain on the Boundary question. But he takes advantage of the occasion to administer to his Democratic freends the following salutary and timely admonition:

"But, although we think Great Britain in no haste to engage in hostilities with the United States, just as we believe that our own Government is not disposed rashly to precipitate the country into a war, there is yet something to be learned from her example. If a war should unhappily grow out of the controversy, Great Britain will be prepared for it—*our own country, unless Congress gives the subject its immediate and serious attention, will not.* Our seaports will be found without defence, our coast unprotected, and our commerce will offer a rich prey to the enemy. Valor we lack not, but it is valor unorganized and undisciplined; means and resources we have in abundance, but the means are not ready to be applied, and the resources are yet to be called forth. It is for Congress to bethink itself, before the session closes, *how our populous and active seaports are to be protected against a descent from the enemy.* The most judicious preparations that we can hope to make would still leave the disadvantage on our side at the commencement of the contest, though we might expect that when the spirit of the nation was once roused, all deficiencies of this kind would be speedily repaired and all disasters retrieved."

TREDEGAR

IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

THESE Works, just erected in the Fifth Ward, Pittsburgh, on the bank of the Allegheny River, a few steps above the Upper Bridge, are now in operation, and the proprietor is prepared for all kinds of Job work such as ROLLING Spring Steel, Saw Blades or Plates, Shovels and Spades, Tack, Spring and Sparable Iron—PUNCHING all kinds of Shafts and Rollers for Bar, Bolt and Hoop Iron. He has also made arrangements with the best Foundry in the city, by which he is enabled to furnish the best CHILLED ROLLERS manufactured in the United States.

Cast Iron Scrap Iron and Steel wanted, for which the highest prices will be paid in cash.

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RIBBONS AND SHAWLS.

JUST RECEIVED,

A LARGE assortment of new style high colored Ribbons, beautiful goods and very CHEAP.

Also received a new assortment of Cashmere and Turkey Shawls, of the newest patterns and very desirable colors.

Also, a few very superior French Woolen Shawls; all of which will be sold at prices that cannot fail to please at No 66 Market street.

dec12 GEO S SWARTZ.

FOR COLD WEATHER—W R MURPHY, North east corner of 4th and Market streets, invites attention to his large stock of Dry Goods, adapted for cold weather, such as Blankets in every size and price, including some very superior twilled of an extra size; Flannels, white, scarlet, yellow, brown and blue; Linseys, low priced and some very superior; Merino Plaids; Gala Plaids Merino Vests and Drawers; Cotton Nett do; Silk do &c. &c. All offered, wholesale and retail, at the lowest cash prices. dec12

SHEETING MUSLINS, of different widths and best make. A supply on hand, and sold low by the piece or yard, at the cash dry goods house of

dec12 W R MURPHY.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN—A fine assortment of French Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings. Also, Scarfs Cravats Stocks, Shirts, Drawers, Undervests and Hosiery. Also, a few of the Shaker Flannel Shirts and Drawers, at the "New York Store"

nov13 W H GARRARD.

SHAWLS—Just rec'd at the "New York Store," splendid assortment of Turkeri, Cashmere, French Brocha, Thibet (silk fringe) and embroidered Cloth Shawls. [dec13] W H GARRARD.

TO THE LADIES—Opening this day, another lot of Rich Shawls. Also on hand, a few splendid French Brocha Long Shawls full wool—a great bargain, at the New York Store, 70 Market street.

dec13 W H GARRARD.

RIBBONS, VELVETS & SATINS—Now open (by express) another lot of fresh goods in Ribbons, Bonnet Velvets and Satins, at the New York Store 70 Market street. [dec13] W H GARRARD.

STRAY COW.

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber, living in Ross township, Allegheny county, in October, a black Cow with a white stripe on the fore part of the bag and along part of the belly. Supposed to be about nine years old. The owner is desired to come forward, prove property and take her away, or she will be dealt with according to law. [dec9-3wd] GEORGE QUAIL.

POETRY—The Poems of Southey, Shakspeare, Scott, Burns, Ossian, Crabbe, Heber and Pollock, Howitt, Millman and Keats, Rogers, Campbell, Lamb, Montgomery, Kirke White, Collins, Gray, Beattie, Milton, Longfellow, Byron, Goldsmith, Cowper, Dermody, Landon, Gournay, Eliza Cooke, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Wyllie, Pope, Young, Moore, Elliott and Norton.

Griswold's Poets and Poetry of America;
Longfellow's " " of Europe;
Aikin's British Poets
The Beauties, Gems of Sacred Poetry;
Matins and Vespers; Fables of Flora;
Sacred Songs; Autumn Flowers;
Lyric Gems; Loves of the Angels;
Silent Love; Cypress Wreath;
Laugings of Gems; Flower Vase;
Album of Love, &c. For sale by

JOHNSTON & STOCKTON,
dec13 No 44 Market st

THIRD JULY, 1845.

B. E. CONSTABLE announces his determination to sell from this day the remainder of his stock all Summer Goods at

FIRST COST.

This is an inducement worthy the attention of to purchasers:

French Balzarines 31 cts, worth 75 cts;
Bonne Ribbons at 12½ cts, worth 31, rich new styles;
French Lawns and Organdie Ginghams at 15 and 31 cts, worth 50 cts;
Barege Scarfs and Shawls at equally low prices;
Ladies' Lace Caps at 37½ cts, worth $1;
Florence Braid Bonnets at $1 37½, and upwards;
Checked, Striped and Mull Muslins for dresses, very cheap;
Cord Lawns for Bonnets, Artificials, Bonnet Caps, &c;
Para-ollettes and Parasols, rich and new styles, some as low as 75 cts each.
Lace Collars, Chemisetts Cravats, Gloves, &c. &c;
Cuts and Thread Edgings, Laces and Bobbin Laces;
For Gentlemen:—Shirts, Collars, Bosoms, a good assortment Gloves, Cravats, Suspenders, Linen, Cambric and Silk Handkfs, Gauze Cott under Shirts Drawers &c.
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J. PEASE & SON'S celebrated compound cinnamon Essence of Hoarhound Candy, for the cure of coughs, colds, hoarseness, irritation of the throat, croup, whooping cough, asthma, palpitation of the heart, liver complaint, night sweats, difficult or profuse expectoration, and ALL diseases leading to consumption and death. For sale by B A FAHNESTOCK & Co.
dec11 Corner 6th and Wood sts.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH BOARD OF TRADE
COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER 1845.
N. B. CRAIG——JOHN SHRA——WILLIAM THAW.

PITTSBURGH, DECEMBER 18, 1845

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Ashes—₱ lb.
Pots..... 2½@2¾
Pearls..... 3@3½
Scorchings..... 2½@3
Saleratus..... 4½@4¾
Ale—₱ bbl.
XX Ale..... @7.00
Common..... @6.00
Axles—₱ lb.
Bristles—₱ lb
American..... 32 @40
Batting—₱ lb.
Superior..... @40
Common..... @ 8
Buckets—cachue—₱ dozen.
Large size..... @2.25
Small size..... @
Beeswax—₱ lb.
Yellow..... 28 @30
Blooms—₱ ton.
Blooms..... 45.00@70.00
Brooms—₱ dozen.
Merchantable..... 1.20@1.75
Shaker..... 2.25@2.50
Barks—₱ cord.
Chesnut Oak..... 1.12½@1.25
Blasted Oak..... @1.00
Hemlock..... 2.50@3.00
Coal—₱ bushel
At the river..... @
Pittsburgh Star..... @22
Cotton—₱ lb.
Pennr'ee & Alabam 7 @7½
Chocolate—₱ lb.
Number 1..... 10 @11
Green, unground..... @22
Candles—₱ lb.
City dipped..... @ 8
Pittsburgh Star..... @22
Cincinnati do..... @21
Sperm, best brands..... @.3
Do inferior..... @.30
Cotton Yarns
Short reel—₱ lb.
No. 5 to 10@12..... @16
" 11 to 14..... 16@17
" 14 to 16..... 17@18
Increasing 1@1c—₱ lb to No. 24.
Long reel—₱ dozen
No. 500..... @ 8
" 600..... @ 7
" 700..... @ 6
" 800, 900, 1000— @ 5
Coverlet Yarn, lb— @21
Carpet Chain..... @20
Cotton Twine..... @23
Candle Wick..... @16
Coffee—₱ lb.
Java, old white..... 11½@12
St. Domingo..... 6½@ 7
Laguayra..... @
Rio..... 7½@ 8
Havana..... @
Copper—₱ lb.
Braziers'..... @28
Sheathing..... @28
Bolt..... @
Old..... 16 @18
Cordage—Bs coil ₱ lb
Manilla..... @10
Tarred Rope..... @10
White Rope..... @ 9
Pack'g yarn, fine..... @ 9
" " com'n..... @ 8
Hemp Bed Cords—₱ doz'n
Extra Long..... @2.50
Long..... @1.75
Common..... @1.25
Plough Lines..... @ 75
Castings, Foundry, ₱ lb net.
Mill work and machinery, generally made to order..... @3
Bevel'd gearage do..... @4
Light machinery do..... @4
Dog Irons..... @2

...ER 15, 1845.

PITTSBURGH--MEXICO--CALIFORNIA.

The London Times publishes a letter from its intelligent, and usually well informed, Mexican correspondent, relative to the state of affairs in Mexico, which is worthy of special attention. He says that the question of frontier between the United States and Mexico will

"Interfere with the negotiation now going on between the British and Mexican governments for the adoption of a frontier parallel (on the Pacific) necessary to British interests."

We suppose this "adoption of a frontier," "necessary to British interests," means nothing more nor less than the cession of California; on the public lands of which England already has a mortgage; held as collateral security for the payment of certain British claims. In return for this cession, we suppose these claims are to be relinquished; and, it may be, an alliance offensive and defensive entered into—the same as formerly existed, and, we believe, does still, between England and Portugal, and which rendered that country virtually a dependance of England—a mere colony. This alliance, should it take place, would give Great Britain a pretence for "protecting the mining districts" of Mexico, without which protection, according to the Times correspondent "the doom of Mexico is sealed."

Or, it is possible, that this "frontier parallel" on the Pacific coast, which this usually well-informed correspondent (not unlikely an attache' of the British embassy) positively states to be negotiating between Mexico and Great Britain, may have reference to the boundary between Mexico and Oregon. This would be anticipating with a vengeance, and yet, it seems, on reflection, to be the only interpretation of which the language is capable.

We sadly fear, on a survey, so far as we can, of all the ground, that war with Great Britain, sooner or later, is inevitable. The Oregon question is in itself a small matter, and might be settled in five minutes, were either party sincerely desirous of settling it, which neither, we begin to fear, is. We are, in truth, rivals. Rivals in commerce, in manufactures, and on the seas. Our growing greatness in all these is a source of fear and trembling to the British government and aristocracy. "No European statesman," says the Times, "can look forward to the power of the United States with in the present century but with the most appalling prospects." It then goes on to show that we shall have, in fifty-seven years, a population of upwards of one hundred and thirty-seven millions! It may be that in view of this "appalling" fact, Great Britain deems that now or never is the time for crushing or curbing us. Be that as it may, we can never suffer her to acquire the whole of Oregon and part of California; or indeed one foot of land on this continent beyond what she has now some title to. If war must thence arise, let it. It is a state which has its benefits and consolations as well as its evils. If our foreign commerce should be, for a season, destroyed, we can live very well without it. If the cities on our seaboard should languish, those in the interior would flourish the more—great cities are great sores at any rate. And the end would be, we have little doubt, that the whole of this magnificent North American continent, from the extreme North to the isthmus of Panama—Canada, Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Oregon, California, Mexico and all, would acknowledge the supremacy of the stars and stripes. We desire, most earnestly desire, peace; we are willing to leave the accomplishment of these great things to that "appalling power" of which the Times speaks, but if war should come, for one we are for anticipating the natural course of events, and fulfilling our high mission *now*.

☞ When the Locofocos, pending the late struggle for the Presidency, represented Mr. Polk as a very good friend of the protective system, the Whigs were astounded, as well they might be, at the boldness of the fraud. They were astonished that men could be so lost to self-respect—to the good opinion of all honest men—as to assert it; and they were equally surprised at the confidence in the ignorance of the masses of their party which the assertion displayed. We thought, as we presume every other Whig did, that the lowest depths of fraud and deception had then been reached. But it appears we were mistaken. The capacity of Locofocoism for infamy is greater than even we, who know it pretty well, had supposed. When it was still insisting—after Mr. Polk's election—on his soundness on the Tariff—according to Pennsylvania ideas of soundness—the Whigs consoled themselves—good easy souls—with the remark that his Message and administration would soon put the question at rest, and forever silence their opponents. Well, Mr. Polk's Message comes out without reserve against the Tariff. The Report, or rather Message, of his Secretary of the Treasury is one long argument against it, and yet the Post continues to represent Mr. Polk as a good friend to the protection of our home manufactures!

Now the question of protection or free trade is one about which honest men may very conscientiously differ. There is much to be said on both sides, so much that a man's judgment is pretty generally found to be on that side where his particular interests lie. We can respect a free-trade man—in other matters trust him: he may be a good neighbor, a good citizen, a good public officer. But the men who can now affirm that Mr. Polk is in favor of the protective principle, are, and can be nothing other and better than utterly infamous. Their crime—a total and shameless disregard of truth—strikes at the very foundation of morality and social institutions, and is as deserving of punishment in the Penitentiary as any other. What honest people think of them it is very easy to suppose, but what they think of themselves we in vain try to imagine. Their barefaced audacity is as much matter of wonder to us, as would be that of a convict who preferred to wear his prison dress on the streets. They have no more idea of such a thing as shame or self respect than a dog—nay less. A guilty dog does show some sense of shame, and generally skulks off abashed. But these men, with faces of brass, walk the streets with as much assurance as though they were not objects of contempt to every honest man in the land, whether he be for free-trade or protection.

FIRE.—A fire broke out on Saturday morning, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the brick building on the corner of Virgin alley and Wood st. occupied by Messrs. Kerr & Mohler, Druggists; the "Pittsburgh Catholic," and "Odd Fellows" as a Hall. It originated in the latter, and their loss is estimated at between 4 and $500—no insurance. Nearly all in the Catholic office was saved, but somewhat damaged by water. Messrs. Kerr & Mohler had their stock greatly damaged by water—insured for $2000 in the Am. Mu. In. Co. of Phil'a. The building, owned by J. B. Irwin, was insured for $1000 in the Cit. Mu. In. Co. of Phil'a.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.—A letter was received in New York last week from Mr. Pakenham, stating in substance, that *he was not then advised of having been recalled or superseded.*

A Navy Yard at Pittsburgh.

The selection of a site for a Navy Yard at Memphis is well known to have been caused by an influential Western interest, having been brought to bear upon the Government. Those who were acquainted with the subject and with the location were well aware that it could never be of much use or efficacy in any point of view. We cannot now remember the particular arguments in favor of it, nor need we. The objections originally urged are of themselves sufficient to satisfy any one capable of judging and unbiased by the local influence brought to bear in its favor. Recent occurrences have brought the matter before the public again.

Gentlemen who attended the late Convention at that city, have stated that the whole scheme was not considered very complimentary to the wisdom of Government. It is asserted (we do not recollect by whom) that even the citizens thought it a visionary measure and one which never would answer the purposes for which it is designed, and certainly this is the opinion of the great majority of intelligent men.

Mr. Secretary Bancroft in his Report to Congress expresses his belief of the utter folly of building an establishment there on the scale projected. He says:

Memphis, being in the heart of the country, on an ocean river, yet a thousand miles from the sea, is inappropriate for the repairs of ships of war; but, in building steam ships, it may compete with Boston, New York, and Philadelphia—with St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh. It lies, moreover, just below the great hemp-growing region, and is recommended by its position for the establishment of the manufacture of cordage. A rope-walk, with the latest improvements, is therefore proposed, so that the West may not only produce, but manufacture, the hemp used for the American navy. I have disapproved some of the details of the plan proposed for the navy yard at Memphis, because it was framed on a scale of extravagant expenditure, which, for the mere work of preparation, would have consumed many years, and would have cost, by estimate, at least two millions of dollars, and which contemplates the residence of many officers, civil and naval, who in any event would be useless. I recommend that Congress confine the use of the moneys it may appropriate, first, to the immediate construction of a rope walk, and, next to simple arrangements for building and equipping steamers.

Let us see the strength of this argument in favor of Memphis as a place appropriate for building steam-ships," and competing, in this respect, with Pittsburgh. Mr. B. recommends an extensive Rope-walk there, because it lies just below the great hemp-growing region." This is a good reason, though, had he recommended one at Louisville, because it is in the centre of the principal hemp-growing section, it would have been far more conclusive. For this very reason a Government Rope-walk, if it must have one, should be at Louisville.

But because Memphis lies more than a thousand miles *below* the great Iron and Coal region, and seat of Iron Manufactures, of the West, is it an argument more in its favor than if it had been urged in favor of Pittsburgh? Which will cost the most—to transport all the Iron and Coal necessary to build an Iron Steamer to Memphis, or to run, or even tow, the same vessel already made? Why is not the same reason given for establishing a National Foundry at Memphis? Why not transport all the metal and coal necessary to smelt it to that point, instead of casting the cannon here? Which is most economical? Yet there is just about as much reason in Government building a Foundry there, on the score of cheapness, in preference to Pittsburgh, as to establish a Navy Yard to build Iron vessels.

What does experience show? While Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis are now very scantily supplied with Coal at very high prices, our Manufactures are prosecuted with the greatest facility and economy. Let the Honorable Secretary of the Navy or any other person reflect on the position we now occupy, in respect to the other cities named, as coming, in common with our own, in competition with Memphis. If they are so much injured by want of fuel, how would it be with Memphis? We do not seek by any assertions to produce an opinion in our favor, but we challenge any one to confute this reason, or argument, as the reader pleases, why a Navy Yard should be established here in preference to Memphis, or any other points in the West.

We have not mentioned the notorious fact that the site selected for the Yard at Memphis is a deposit of the Mississippi river, and that after an immense sum shall have been expended, a change in the current of that stream may, and very probably will, sweep it all away. It is "building on a sandy foundation" with a vengeance, and incurring a risk which no man in his senses would voluntarily do with his own property.

We have reasoned as though it was contemplated to build iron steam-ships alone at the Memphis yards. In addition to the fact that the President has particularly recommended iron steamers—which of itself will have very considerable influence in inducing Congress to direct that all the steamers hereafter built shall be of that material, and shows, further, the views of the Executive upon the subject—the examples of Foreign Powers, of the largest experience in the matter, in preferring them, is a sound reason and one of great weight for choosing it in preference to wood. But suppose Live Oak should be principally employed in the construction of Steamers there. It must be shipped from the "large supplies"—which the President mentioned as being "under cover" on the Gulf of Mexico—to New Orleans, and thence transported in steamers to Memphis. Look at the enormous expense attendant upon this distant transfer of timber to be worked up "a thousand miles from the Ocean," and then floated back again!

It is no wonder that the Secretary of the Navy disapproves of a plan which will require an expenditure of $2,000,000 and many years, in the "mere work of preparation," for a Navy Yard at Memphis. But that he should assert that city capable of competing with Pittsburgh in any respect as a place to build steamships, is really surprising. If Iron is to be used, we do not believe he would say so in view of the facts of the case, and if Live Oak, then we must acknowledge we do not see the economy of transporting it such a distance when it could be used with so much more facility at Pensacola, though we must confess it would cost less to take it to Memphis than to bring it to Pittsburgh; but if Oak merely is used, such as is employed in the construction of ordinary vessels, we must still insist that Pittsburgh offers equal claims with Memphis. We are not acquainted with the growth of timber in West Tennessee, but unless it abounds in Oak, easy of access and transportation to the new Navy Yard, then we must claim a superiority over Memphis in this essential particular.

We had a conversation last spring with an intelligent Master ship builder of many years experience in Maine. He stated that he had come west to seek a location for a shipyard and that after exploring the country he had concluded that Pittsburgh or its neighbourhood, and Marietta, O., presented the best claims; but he was then undecided which to choose. Supplies of Timber could be got at either point, but if he went to the latter, he would be obliged to get his Iron work, Anchors, Chains, &c., made at Pittsburgh, and taken there. But there can be little doubt as to the material used in constructing steamers for the Navy,—it will be Iron, and that Pittsburgh of all the cities in the West enjoys an overwhelming superiority for building them, every intelligent man who has examined the subject, will allow. The individual who would propose to transport Coal and Iron Ore to Memphis from this city in order to manufacture Bar Iron rather than purchase it here ready made, would be thought destitute of common sense; but why the case should be different when Government proposes to do nearly the same thing, we cannot see.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE OHIO.—The Councils have appointed Committees to draw up a Memorial to Congress on Improving the Ohio River.—The Board of Trade, we understand, also has something of the kind in preparation. Would it not be far better if their movement was a joint one! We believe the best course to pursue would be to get the Memorial printed, and appoint a man for each Ward to call on the citizens to sign it. Let these gentlemen be paid for their services and then it will be done properly.—10,000 signatures can be obtained in this way in a very short time, for we do not know of a man in the two cities who does not go in strongly for the Improvement. A Memorial going up from this city with such an array of names would have some weight. The appropriation necessary to secure the services of half a dozen energetic men to call on the citizens would be trifling. It would be approved too. Let us have the business done as it should be.

Since writing the above, we learn that the Board of Trade have a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of the Right of way to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in preparation. If any persons are appointed to procure signatures to the Memorial of the Councils, let it be part of their duty also to afford the citizens an opportunity to sign the Railroad Memorial.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.

In the *Senate* among other unimportant business, a Bill was introduced to continue the Cumberland Road in the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, a Bill authorising the secretary of the Treasury to compromise with the sureties of Sam. Swartwout.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot for Chairmen of Committees not elected yesterday, with the following result:

Post Office and Post Roads—Niles, 27, Barrow 16.
Roads and Canals—Hannegan 27, Corwin 17.
Pensions—Upham 42.
District of Columbia—Haywood 26, Miller 16.
Patents and Patent office—Cameron 27, Johnson, Md., 16.
Contingent Expenses—Niles 24, Greene 16.
Public Buildings—Cameron 27, Dayton 15.
Printing—Atherton 25, Upham 14.
Retrenchment—Lewis 25, Morehead 15.
Territories—Wescott 26, Bagby 7.
Engrossed Bills—Chalmers 25, Jarnigan 2.

Some difficulty then arose as to the election of the balance of the members of the Committees, which ended in the choice of the following gentlemen for

Foreign Affairs—Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Cass Sevcier and Archer.

Finance Committee—Messrs. Calhoun, Benton, Evans, Lewis, and Jenness.

Without filling up the remaining Committees, the Senate adjourned.

In the *House of Representatives*, Mr. Douglass of Illinois asked to present a Report for the admission of Texas into the Union.

Objections were made, when Mr. Douglass moved to suspend the Rules of the House, and the motion prevailed by a vote of two-thirds.

Mr. Douglass moved that his report be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.—The Speaker put the motion and decided it affirmatively in a hurried manner.

Mr. Rockwell remonstrated and moved, as he had done previously, that the Resolution admitting Texas be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair declined to entertain the motion.

Several members decided the Speaker to be in error, and he said the only remedy was to re-consider; but a motion to that effect was lost, notwithstanding it was admitted the Speaker had made a wrong decision.

A Resolution to appoint a Chaplain was then adopted.

Mr. John Quincy Adams then presented a remonstrance against the annexation of Texas, and moved its reference to the Comittee of the whole on the State of the Union. A motion was made by Mr. Boyd of Kentucky, to lay it on the table. Mr. Adams called for the yeas and nays. The vote was—Ayes 115, Noes 22.

Mr. Adams then presented a large number of remonstrances from nearly all the free States, all of which took the same reference. He occupied some thirty minutes in presenting these remonstrances in addition to the time occupied last evening.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11, 1845.

Senate.—Mr. Webster took his seat. A memorial was presented for the establishment of a Branch Mint in New York. The death of Hon. J. B. Dawson, of La., was announced. Mr. Johnson, of La., made some appropriate remarks, and after the adoption of the usual measures of respect, the Senate adjourned over until Monday.

In the *House*, Mr. Adams presented a remonstrance against the Annexation of Texas as a Slave State. It was laid on the table, as were a large number of others from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont.

A memorial from New York for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, was laid on the table by a vote of 119 to 60.

Mr. Campbell presented a memorial from Albert Gallatin and the New York Historical Society, praying Congress to erect a monument to the memory of Gen. Herkimer of N. Y. The memorial eloquently urges Congress to execute the order of the Continental Congress, and to appropriate five hundred dollars, with the interest accruing from 1770, for this purpose. The memorial was referred to the committee on Revolutionary claims.

Mr. Tibbatts of Ky. presented a Bill (which not being in order, the House refused to receive) for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of steamboats.

Memorials were presented from Ohio, and occasionally from other States, remonstrating against allowing any persons to occupy seats in the Senate or House, from a foreign country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12th.

The *Senate* did not sit to-day.

In the *House* Mr. Brown of Tennessee announced the death of Dr. J. H. Peyton member elect from that state. The customary resolutions of respect were adopted and the House adjourned over to Monday.

BRING IN YOUR WOOD.—Fuel commands almost any price in this city. Wood is selling readily at from six to eight dollars a cord, and there is but a scant supply at these prices.—*St. Louis Rep. 3d inst.*

☞ The press throughout the UNION will please copy the following public acknowledgment of the authorities of the City of Pittsburgh:—

REPORT

Of the Mayor and Presidents of Councils.

The undersigned, who were directed by Councils some time since, to report an appropriate tribute of thanks to be rendered to those who contributed so munificently to the relief of the sufferers by the fire of the 10th of April last, beg respectfully to submit the following:

Whereas, The City of Pittsburgh was, on the 10th of April last, visited by a catastrophe of the most appalling character, which in a few hours swept down the homes and desolated the fortunes of thousands of her inhabitants.

And whereas, in her deep distress and suffering the fountains of public and private benevolence have been widely unlocked, and the generous sympathies of the nation have fallen like the fructifying dew of Heaven upon her waste and barren places, gladdening the hearts of the mourners in her streets, and awakening her busy population from the astounding and overwhelming sense of their disaster into new life and activity.

And whereas, under the cheering impulse thus administered, the energies of her people, assisted by their own resources and the smiles of a benignant Providence, have already reared from its ashes, (and in fairer proportions than before,) a large portion of that quarter of the City which was devastated by the terrible conflagration of the 10th of April, and almost covered up the hideous ruin which on the evening of that eventful day blasted our sight and smote our hearts with the chill of unutterable despair.

Now, therefore, the Select and Common Councils of the said City, impressed with a deep and abiding sense of the inappreciable kindness and liberality which have thus freely ministered to the wants of their citizens in the hour of their calamity, and willing to testify to the donors and to the world their profound and undying gratitude, not less for the actual benefits conferred, than for the Heaven descended charity from which they flowed, do, in the name and on the behalf of the people whom they represent, declare,

That they have no language which can adequately express the heart-felt gratitude inspired by the unexampled munificence which has contributed so freely and abundantly to the wants of their fellow-citizens.

That they recognize in the almost universal sympathy which has overspread and animated this land upon the melancholy occasion to which they refer, a brotherhood in affection more potent than all the conventional ties which hold this nation together.

And that in the exhibition of the same feeling in a few generous bosoms beyond the Atlantic, they are reminded of that diffusive philanthropy whose country is the world, and whose active benevolence even oceans cannot confine.

Referring, however, the nameless thousands whose unostentatious charity has swoln the generous contribution to an extent so far exceeding all previous example, to the prayers and blessings of the unfortunate, whose wants have been relieved by their liberality, they feel constrained to render their public thanks, especially—

To the Legislature of Pennsylvania for their prompt and generous application of a portion of the public means to the relief of the unhappy sufferers;

To the several cities, counties and towns throughout the Union which have participated in the good work for the liberality and humanity with which they have drawn upon their corporate funds for the same purpose;

To the benevolent strangers beyond the Atlantic whose sympathies have overlooked the distinctions of nation and clime, and traveled into the Western hemisphere upon so sublime an errand of mercy as that which drew them here;

And to the officers and crew of the United States ship "Constitution," whose hearts have responded to the silent appeal of their suffering fellow-citizens, even from the remotest shores of the Indian Ocean, and who, with the characteristic patriotism and generosity of the American sailor, have made of their hard earnings an oblation upon the altar of Christian charity, and poured more than a prince's ransom into the treasury of their unfortunate brethren.

And it is hereby ordered by the Select and Common Councils that these proceedings be published, and that the press throughout the Union be respectfully requested to insert them, as the only *means* by which this public acknowledgment can be made to reach the eyes of all who have so nobly extended to us the hand of succor in the hour of trial and deep despair.

MORGAN ROBERTSON,
President Common Council.
GEORGE W. JACKSON,
President Select Council.
WM. J. HOWARD, *Mayor.*

PUBLIC MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

A very large and respectable meeting was held in Philadelphia on Wednesday evening to consider the subject of a continuous line of Railroad from that city to Pittsburgh. THOMAS P. COPE, Esq., president, assisted by Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cope, W. W. Meredith, Henry D. Gilfin, Isaac Hazlehurst, and J. J. McCahan, Resolutions were adopted favorable to the immediate construction of the work, and authorizing the appointment of two committees, one to memorialize the Legislature, and the other to prepare and publish an Address to the people of the State.

The Hon. George Darsie of Allegheny county, and a member of the State Senate, being called upon, addressed the meeting.

He denied that any jeolously existed in Pittsburgh towards Philadelphia or any feeling of hostility to this project. He consideree the prosperity of each city essential to both, and as a member of the State Senate he would use all the influence he possessed to promote the objects of the meeting. He expressed himself, however, decidedly in favor of granting the right of way to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, as the only means of preventing a great evil, not only to Pittsburgh but to Philadelphia and the State. If the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad should be permitted to make a terminus at a low point on the river, of which there was a strong probability, it would be idle, nay madness, to make a road from here to Pittsburgh. There would not be business enough to maintain it.

In answer to a question from Mr. Leaming, whether he did not believe this Southern terminus would be made, even if they obtained the right of way through Pennsylvania! he answered that he thought not. He closed by saying, that he and his colleagues are cordially with Philadelphia on the question of a direct communication, but that they desire the connection with Baltimore also.

Election in Boston—Whigs Triumphant!

Correspondence of the Tribune.

ATLAS OFFICE, BOSTON,
Monday Evening December 8th.

FRIEND GREELY: We have the pleasure of informing you that we have elected Hon. Josiah Quincy Mayor of this city by the triumphant majority of 2264 over all others. The votes were as follows:—

Quincy, Whig,		5331
Damrell, Native,	1633	
Heard, Loco,	1351	
Scattering, mostly Whig,	183	
Total		3067
Majority		2264

Just one year ago Mr. Quincy was beaten by some two thousand majority.

We have elected eight Whig Aldermen. The present factious and disorganizing board was elected by the Natives.

In the Common Council the Whigs have elected twenty-seven, the Locos four, the Natives *none*. There are seventeen vacancies, all of which will probably be filled with Whigs—so that in our city overnment, after next January, we shall have a Whig Mayor, a Whig Board of Aldermen, and forty majority in the Common Council.

Will the Courier & Enquirer ask again if Boston is a Whig city? Yours. B.

THE SMALL POX.—It appears that the cities to the North of us are far more seriously afflicted with this disease than Baltimore is. In Philadelphia last week the number of deaths from the small pox was twenty, in New York nine, and in Baltimore but six.—*Balt. Sun.*

From the Buffalo Com. Adv. of Friday.

LOSS OF LIFE—OUTRAGE UPON OUR SEAMEN—Capt. Sweet reports the schooner Pilot upward bound, with merchandise, ashore at Point Wabishanks. The fact was ascertained at Mackinaw, but nothing was known of the fate of those on board. It is a rock bound and desolate coast, with scarcely any means of affording assistance to disabled vessels. Capt. Sweet farther states the astounding fact that *not a solitary light was visible on Lake Huron!* and the only apology offered by the keepers of light houses, was that the quality of the oil furnished by Government was so poor that it would not withstand the frost. So flagrant an outrage upon the seamen is without a parallel in our inland history, and we hope it will arouse them at once to such action as the importance of the case demands.

The Conneaut Reporter of Thursday says:—"The schooner Wolverine struck the pier on entering Black River yesterday morning, and partly filled with water. We hear of the Wabash being near Huron, with both anchors out and thumping the bottom."

P. S. We have since learned that she ran ashore about 8 miles north of the St. Joseph river and broke in two. Three of the crew were found drowned on the beach, and it is supposed that all on board had perished.

RIGHT OF WAY.

In the Virginia House of Delegates the following resolution was offered by Mr. Edrington:

Resolved, That the President pro tem and Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to communicate to this House, without delay, copies of all communications transmitted to said company since the passage of the act of the 19th of February last, entitled "an act to authorise the Baltimore and Ohio railroad Company to construct their road through Virginia to the Ohio River, and for other purposes," which relate to or advise the acceptance or rejection of that act.

Mr. Garnett, before the question was taken on the above resolution, wished to know what right the Legislature had to call on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company. Mr. Edgington regarded it as a Virginia company, since it held a charter from this Legislature. He desired the information sought for the instruction of the Legislature, that the matter might be fully understood. Mr. Lee had no objection, provided the company would not incur expense in furnishing the information. After further explanation by Mr. Edgington, the resolution was agreed to.

From the Ohio State Journal.

Senator from Indiana.

By the following letter it will be seen that fraud has been rewarded in Indiana, by the election of Jesse D. Bright, to the U. S. Senate. He is a man below Hannegan, the present Senator from that State, in point of ability; and only knows enough to render him the supple instrument of a corrupt administration in voting down better men and recording its edicts. He has neither the respect or confidence of the people of Indiana who will next year rebuke the outrage perpetrated by his election. What a contrast between Indiana as she was in the U. S. Senate, and Indiana as she is! Hannegan was elected by the treachery of a Whig, and Bright is elected as a reward for his lawless course in defeating an election last winter by a Whig Legislature.

Correspondence of O. S. Journal.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 6, 1845.

On to-day Jesse D. Bright was elected by the Locofocos, to the U. S. Senate, from this State, for six years.

This is the same gentleman whose casting vote postponed the election of U. S. Senator last winter, when, by law, it ought to have taken place. This is his reward for a violation of law and his oath in its support. The vote stood

For JESSE D. BRIGHT,	80
"JOSEPH G. MARSHALL, (W)	66
Blank,	2

The Whigs of this State were never more united and determined than they are now, and they will carry the State next year! Mark the prediction. R. S. T.

THE GREENE OUTRAGES.—The examination of Johnson, before Judge Kattel, at Binghampton, closed on the 24 instant, and resulted in his commitment for trial on the charge for murder. He was afterwards bailed in the sum of $20,000, Mr. Johnson giving his own recognizances in the sum of $10,000, with two sureties of $5,000 each. The sureties are understood to be Christopher Eldredge and Hazard Lewis—two of the most wealthy men in the country.

NOVEL.—It is said that the wagons that are to convey the Mormons to California will number 5000, and will form a line of 25 miles long! In the front is to be a printing press and types, from which will be issued every morning a paper, to be sent back to inform the rear guard what is going on in the van!

Twenty-five companies of 100 families each, are about leaving Nauvoo for California. The whole Mormon people of Europe and America are to assemble at the bay of St. Francisco, Ca., within one year, which will make 200,000 souls. California is gone from Mexico if this turns out to be true.

GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.—William Smith, Esq., of Culpeper County, was yesterday elected Governor of Virginia, for three years from first of January, 1846.

William Smith, Esq., will, in our opinion, make a "first rate" Governor.—*Richmond Whig of 11th instant.*

MEETING.

INVENTORS, ARTS AND SCIENCES.

THE Inventors and Patentees, ingenious and scientific citizens generally, of Pittsburgh and its vicinity, are respectfully invited to attend a public meeting at the MADISON HOUSE, Penn street, (formerly Concert Hall,) on **Saturday, January 24, 1846**, to deliberate on the means of diffusing useful knowledge, promoting useful Arts and beneficial Discoveries, and to consider the expediency of organizing a local association, auxiliary to the "National Association of Inventors," lately established in the city of New York—the objects and Constitution of which will be laid before the meeting.

Wm P. Eichbaum,	Henry McCarty,
Hugh Wightman,	C. Evans,
James Dunlop,	John Fowler,
J. W. Weaver,	John C. Parry,
S. S. Hoe,	Jacob Stroop,
W. S. Courtney,	John Nicholson,
Thos. K. Litch,	Wm. Eichbaum,
Wm. McIlvaine,	Calvin Adams.
Geo. R. Eichbaum,	Wm M. Wright,
	James Criswell.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 15—d1aw&wtd

FARM FOR SALE.

THERE will be offered at public sale, on **Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1846**, at 2 o'clock, P. M. on the premises, a Valuable Farm, situate in North Strabane township, known as the "College Farm" adjoining lands of William Berry, Esq. William M'Coy, George Gadden, and the borough of Canonsburgh, containing **150 acres** and upwards, 100 acres cleared, an abundance of Timber, and in a good state of cultivation. The land is well watered. It is located in one of the best pre gisborhoods for health and good morals; directly in sight of Jefferson College, one of the oldest and most flourishing Literary Institutions in the West, and convenient to four or five Churches, of different denominations; also in sight of the finest Grist Mills and Saw Mills in the county of Washington; convenient to good Schools, and surrounded by a great abundance of the finest Stone Coal. For fertility of soil, this farm cannot be surpassed. There is no doubt but it contains more advantages than almost any land offered for sale at this time, in the country, and will be sold on that day, unless sold previous. An indisputable title will be given.

☞ Terms will be made known on the day of sale by

DANIEL HOUSTON,
R. W. ORR,
WM. PARK,
JAMES M'CULLOUGH.

Canonsburgh, Dec. 13, 1845. dec15-w3t
(Washington Reporter $2 00)

NOTICE.

THIS day, letters testamentary have been granted to the subscribers, Executors of the last will and testament of the late deceased Barnet Gilleland, of Coonoquenessing township, and that we have appointed Samuel Marshall, Esq. in our name, to act in executing the will, in paying debts and receiving monies due the estate.

Those indebted to the estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement and payment to Mr. Marshall, and those having claims against the estate are requested to present their accounts duly authenticated.

THOMAS C. GUTHRIE,
DAVID GILLELAND,
WM. H. GILLELAND
JAMES G. GILLELAND,
SAMUEL MARSHALL,
Executors.

Butler, Nov. 10th 1845.

P. S. For sale, seventy-five acres of land, mostly bottom land, on the creek and adjoining the mill of Adam Gilleland. Also, about eighty acres of land near Wilkinsburgh, in Wilkins township, Allegheny county. These lots will be sold on accommodating terms. For particulars enquire of S. Marshall Esq. nov25-w6t

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

THE undersigned will dispose of the following valuable Real Estate, viz:—

30 Acres of ground having an extensive front on the South bank of the Monongahela, (our principal business river where all the steamers lie, and where the heavy business of the City is done,) being the West end of the Borough of Birmingham, laid out into 226 lots of 24 by 100 feet, for Residences and 96 by 200 feet for Manufactories, fronting on 50 feet streets, and extending back to 20 feet alleys.

10 Acres similarly situated and laid out, adjoining the East end of Birmingham.

30 Acres of Coal Hill Lots running from near the Bridge toward Birmingham, fronting on the two Turnpikes.

These are well known as the most advantageous locations about Pittsburgh, or in the world, for Manufacturing, inexhaustible mines of Coal of the richest and best quality, at hand and furnished much cheaper than any other place about the City, and being nearly opposite the City Steamboat landing.

For RESIDENCES, also, there are no more beautiful, healthy, and convenient locations for those engaged in business in the City; but a few minutes ride or walk from the beautiful new Wire Suspension Bridge; some of the sites commanding fine views of the two Cities, three rivers and surrounding country.

We would prefer to selling, that Capitalists would join us in the erection of manufactories and other improvements. There is a strata of Coal beneath the surface of 12 to 15 feet in thickness. A large body of the ground also is above the common level, and valuable for making Brick. It being a portion of an undivided Estate for the past forty years, has thus been kept out of the market. Could the yearly applications to purchase have been accepted, it would long since all been sold and compactly built up. It will be sold at less than other property as near the City in other directions, (and we particularly invite those interested to compare the prices,) notwithstanding its *superior advantages*, and must rapidly increase in value beyond other property, as every one can see from its great resources and advantageous location, presenting an object of the most certain and lucrative investment; for Manufacturing the most advantageous, and for Residences the most desirable, all of which is more fully set forth and confirmed, as well as other general information in regard to it and our City, in a pamphlet issued by us, and to be had of Booksellers in this and Eastern cities. It not disposed of previously, it will be sold either in whole or in part of either one of the plots, on Monday, the 25th day of May next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Terms moderate.

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☞ Office in the City, No. 26 Wood street, Birmingham Dec. 15, 1845. dec15—d1w&w1m.

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For the cure of that troublesome and distressing complaint called BACK ACHE.

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